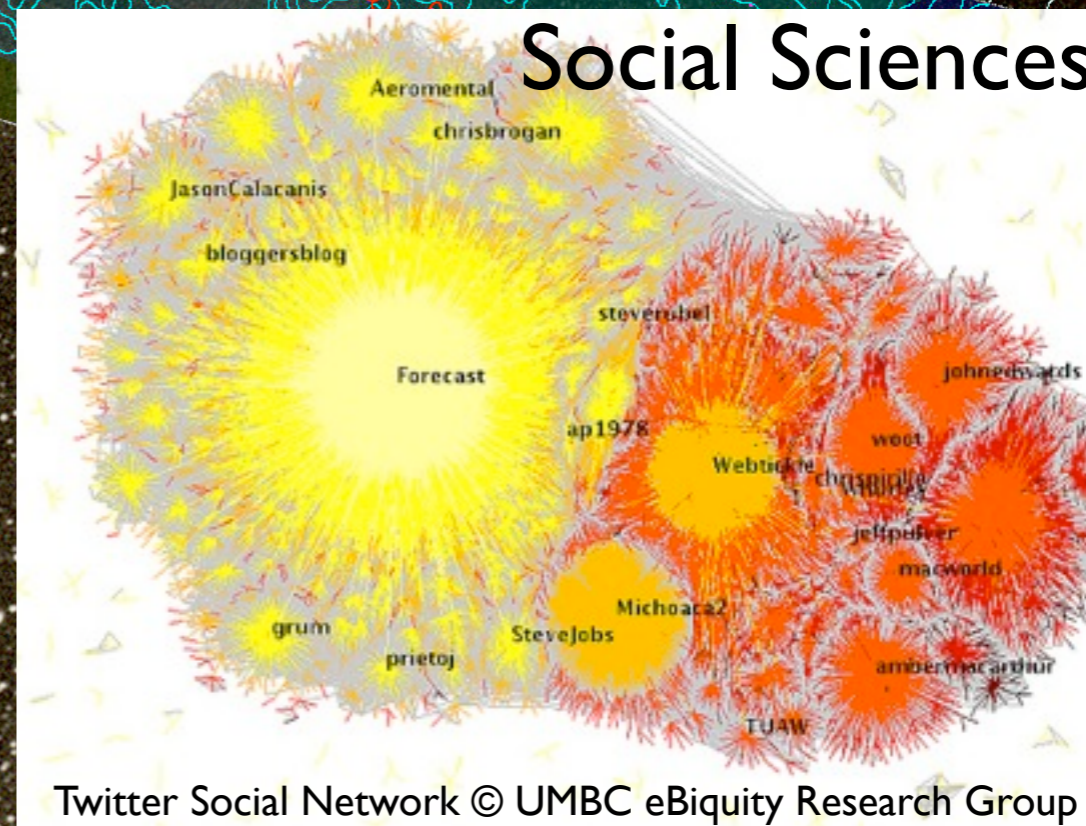
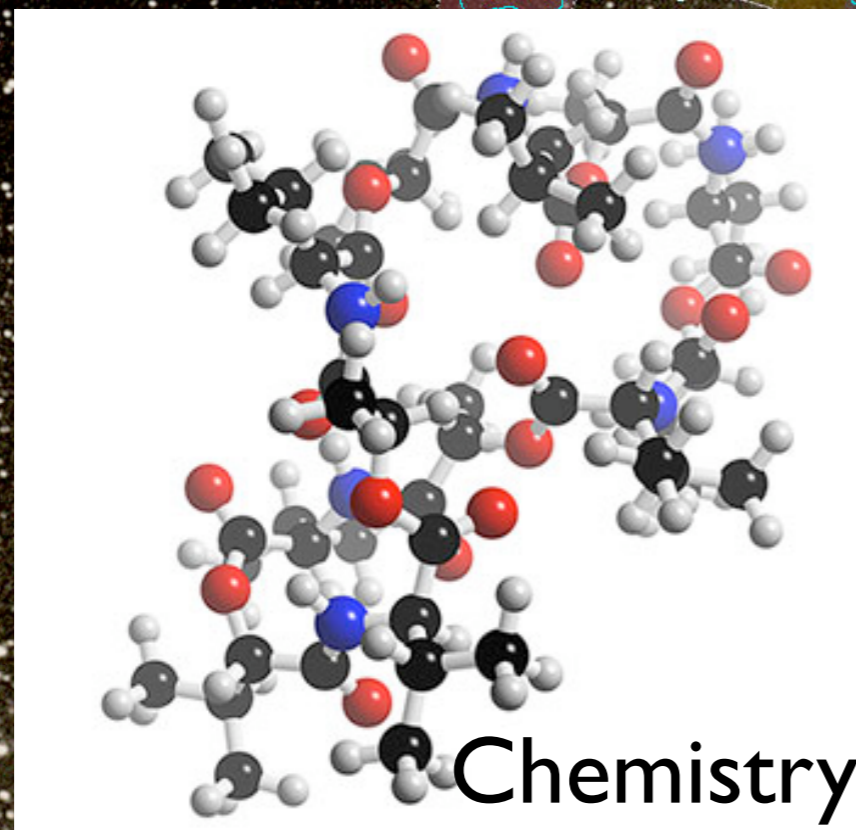
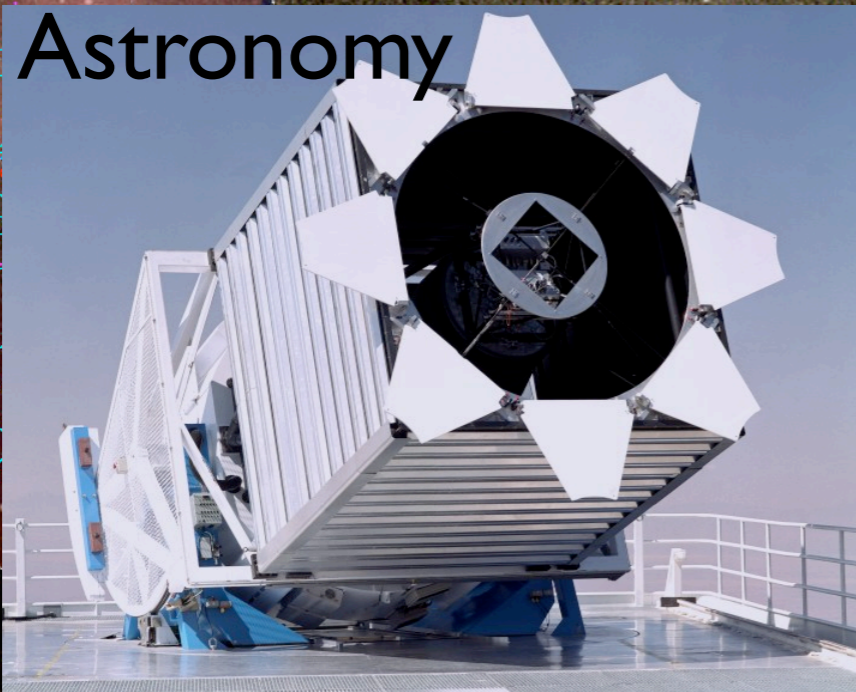


# High-Throughput Science

Hanspeter Pfister, Harvard University  
[pfister@seas.harvard.edu](mailto:pfister@seas.harvard.edu)

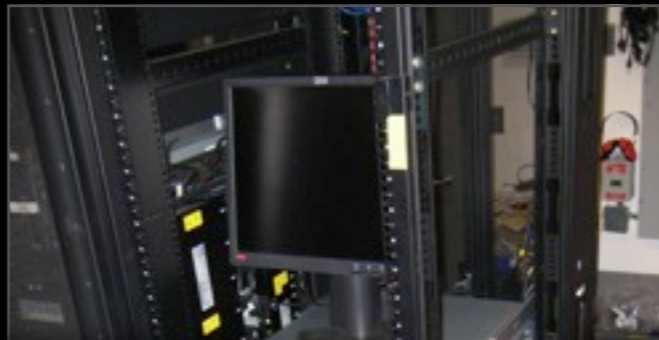
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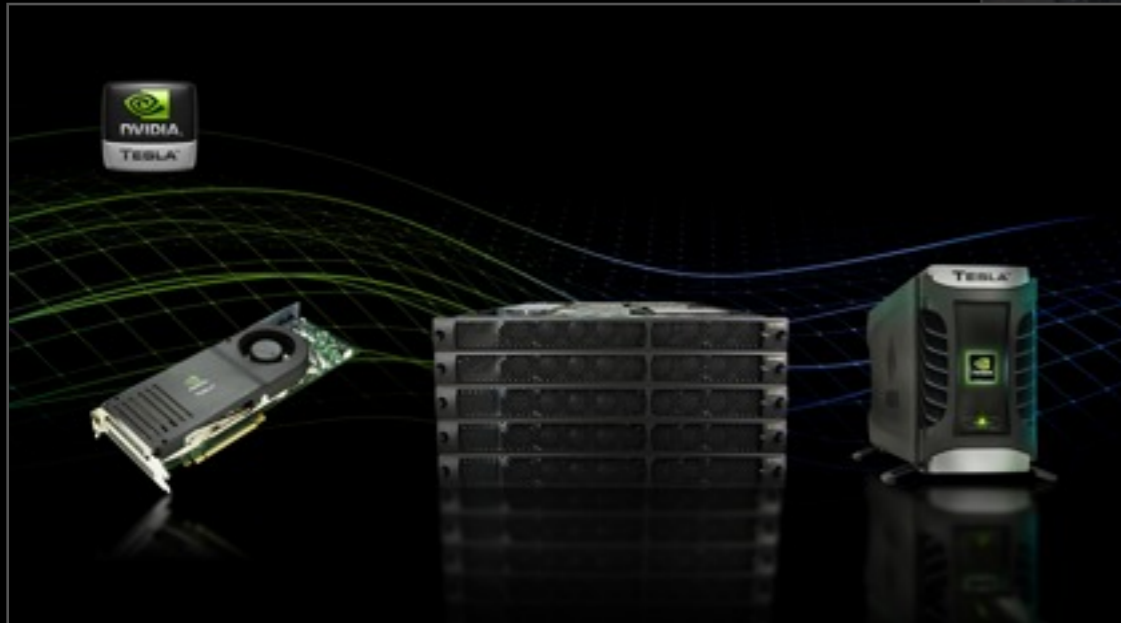
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# Computing Revolution

- Commodity energy-efficient supercomputers



4 Teraflops @ 1400 W



# Traditional



Sensor



Modeling  
Simulation  
Analysis

# Traditional



Sensor



Modeling  
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Analysis

# Challenge

- Limited by communication, not processor performance [Jim Grey, Distributed Computing Economics]

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## Pigeon protocol offers faster data delivery

The pigeon is mightier than ADSL

By **David Neal**

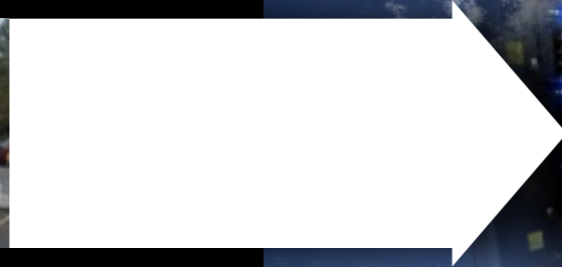
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**AN UNORTHODOX RACE** in South Africa has revealed that it is faster to transmit 4GB of data via carrier pigeon than it is to send it over the country's main ADSL services.

# Challenge



Sensor



Modeling  
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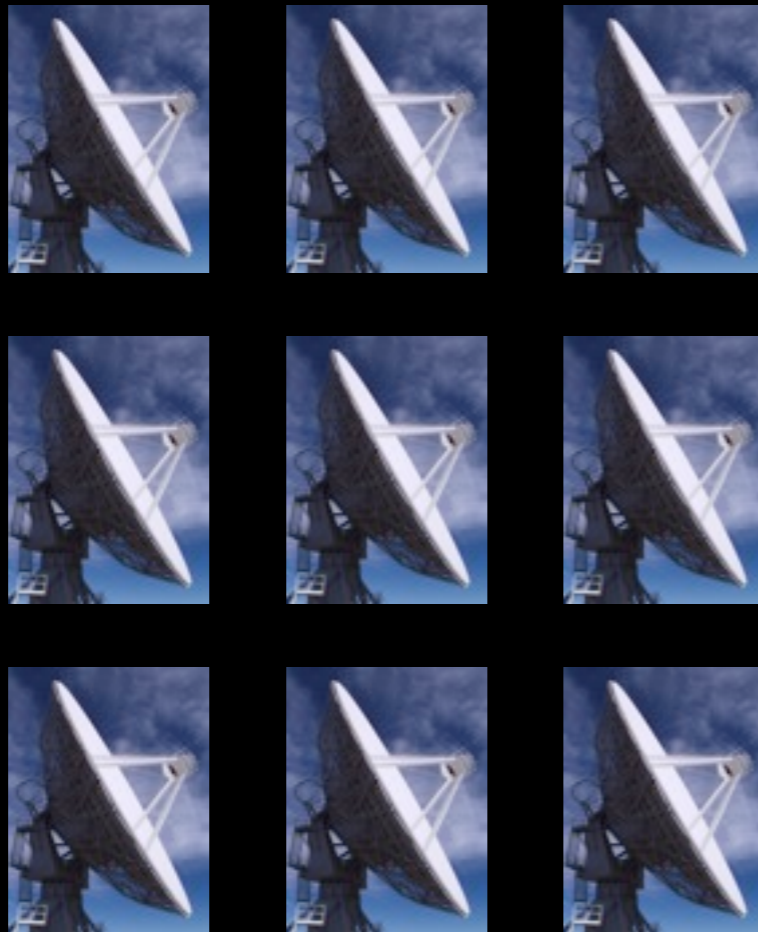


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# High-Throughput Computing



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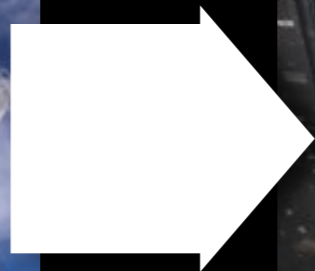


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# High-Throughput Computing



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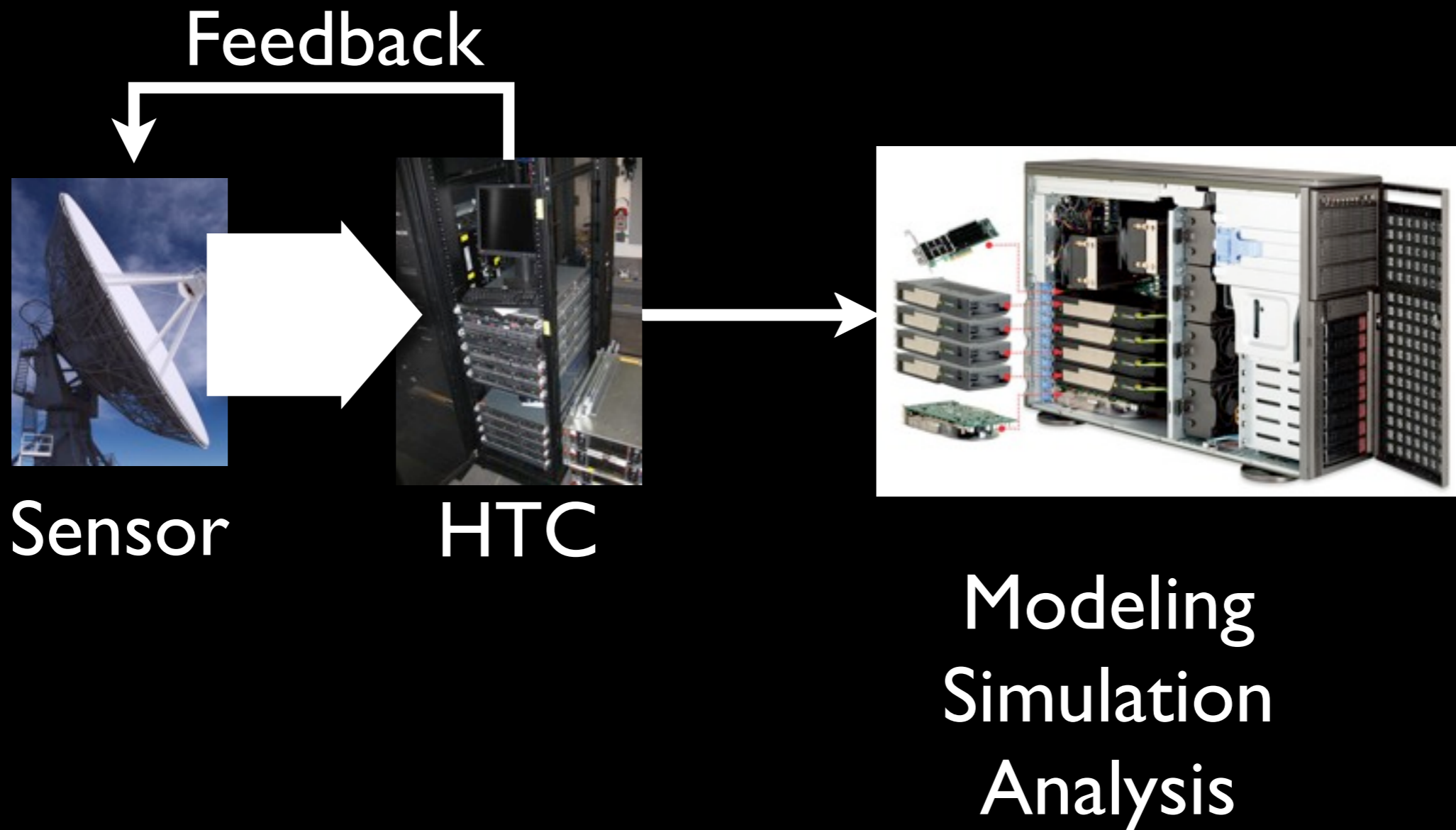


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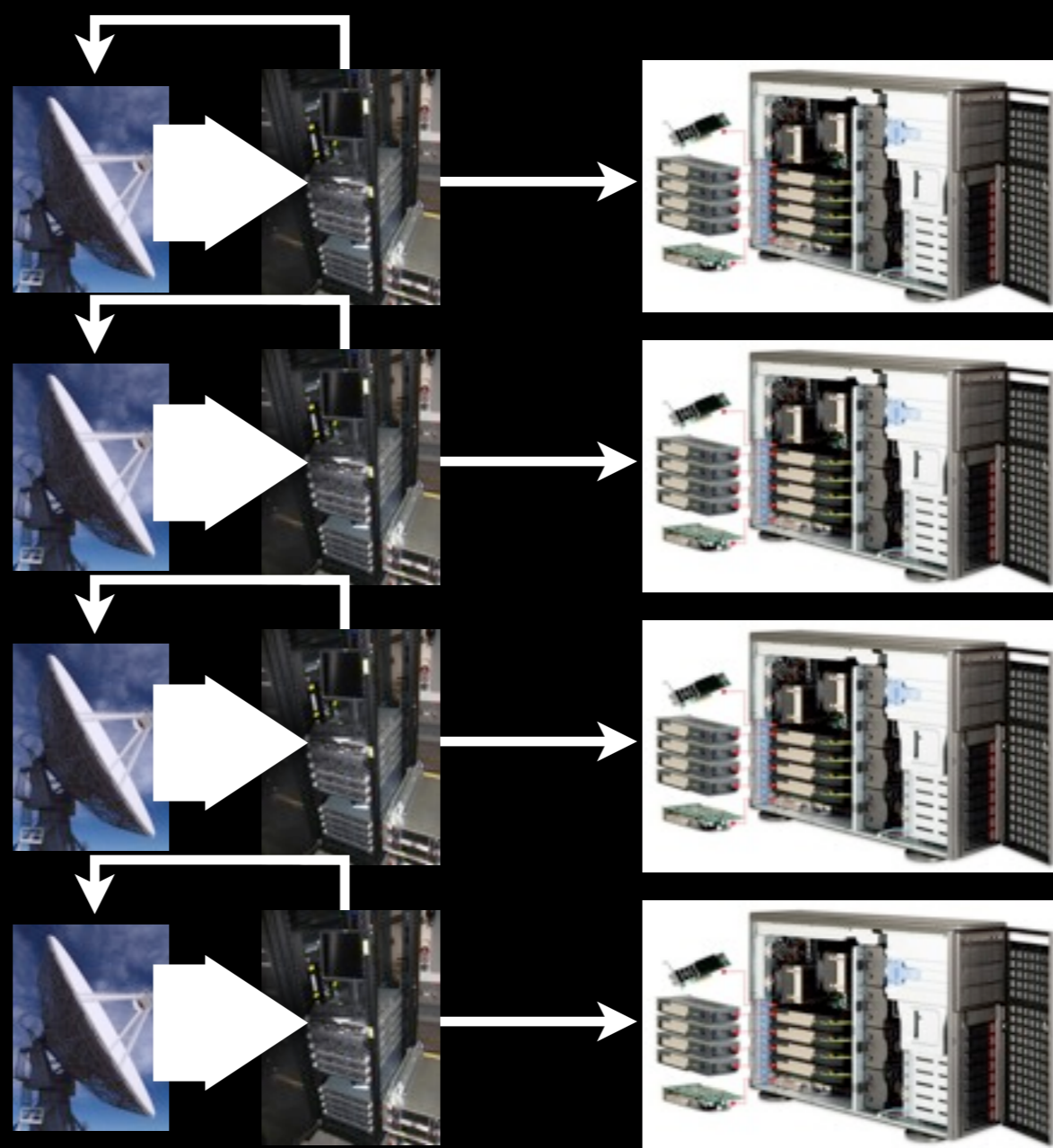


Modeling  
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# High-Throughput Computing



# High-Throughput Computing



# Outline

- How is the brain wired?
- How did the universe start?
- How does matter interact at the quantum level?
- How does the human visual system work?
- How can we prevent heart attacks?





# The Connectome

Discovering the Wiring Diagram of the Brain

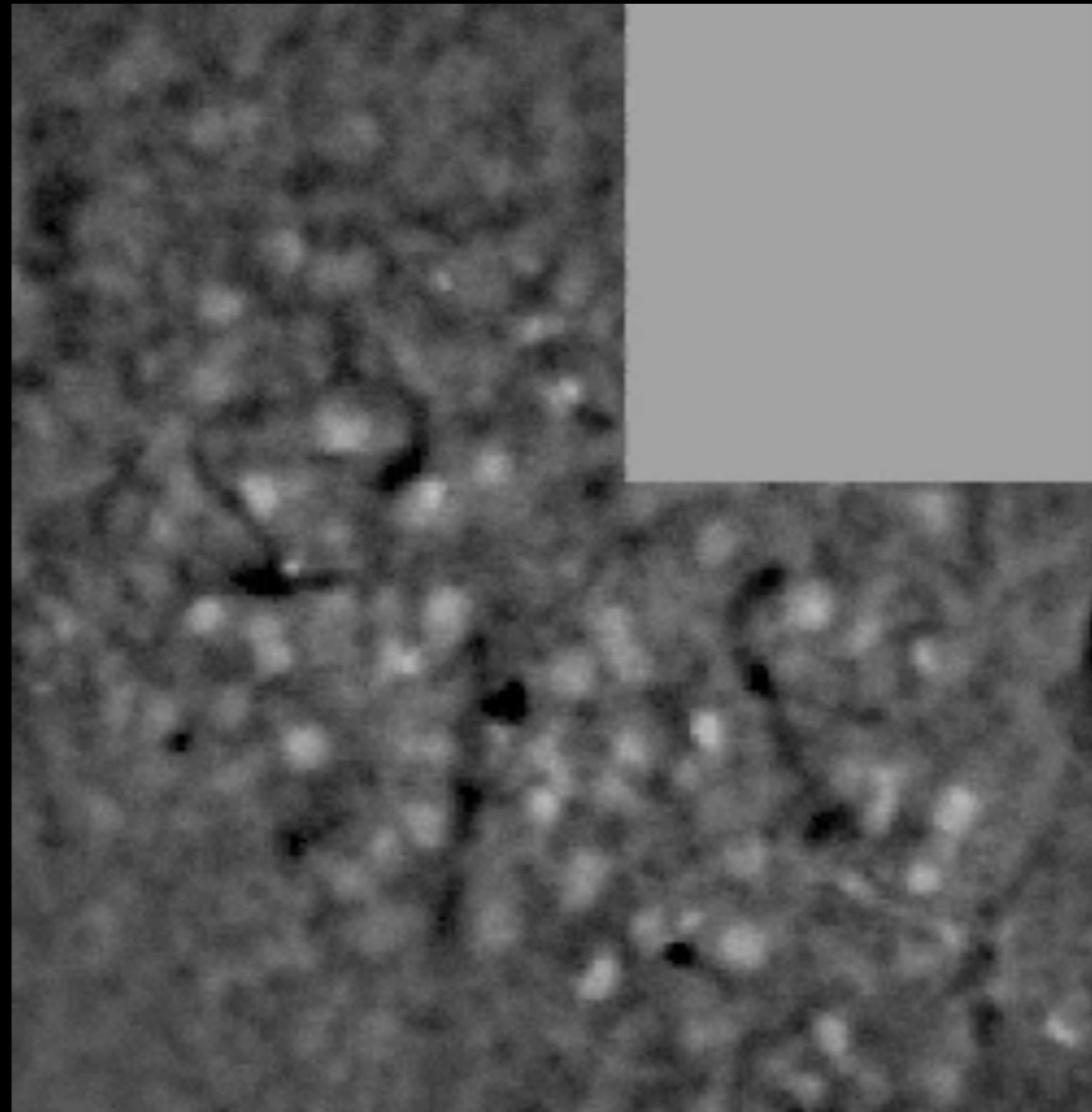
# Collaborators

- Harvard Center for Brain Science
  - Jeff Lichtman & Clay Reid
- Kitware Inc.
  - Will Schroeder, Charles Law, Rusty Blue
- VRVis Vienna
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- SEAS
  - Amelio Vazquez, Won-Ki Jeong
  - Hanspeter Pfister



# The Scientific Challenge

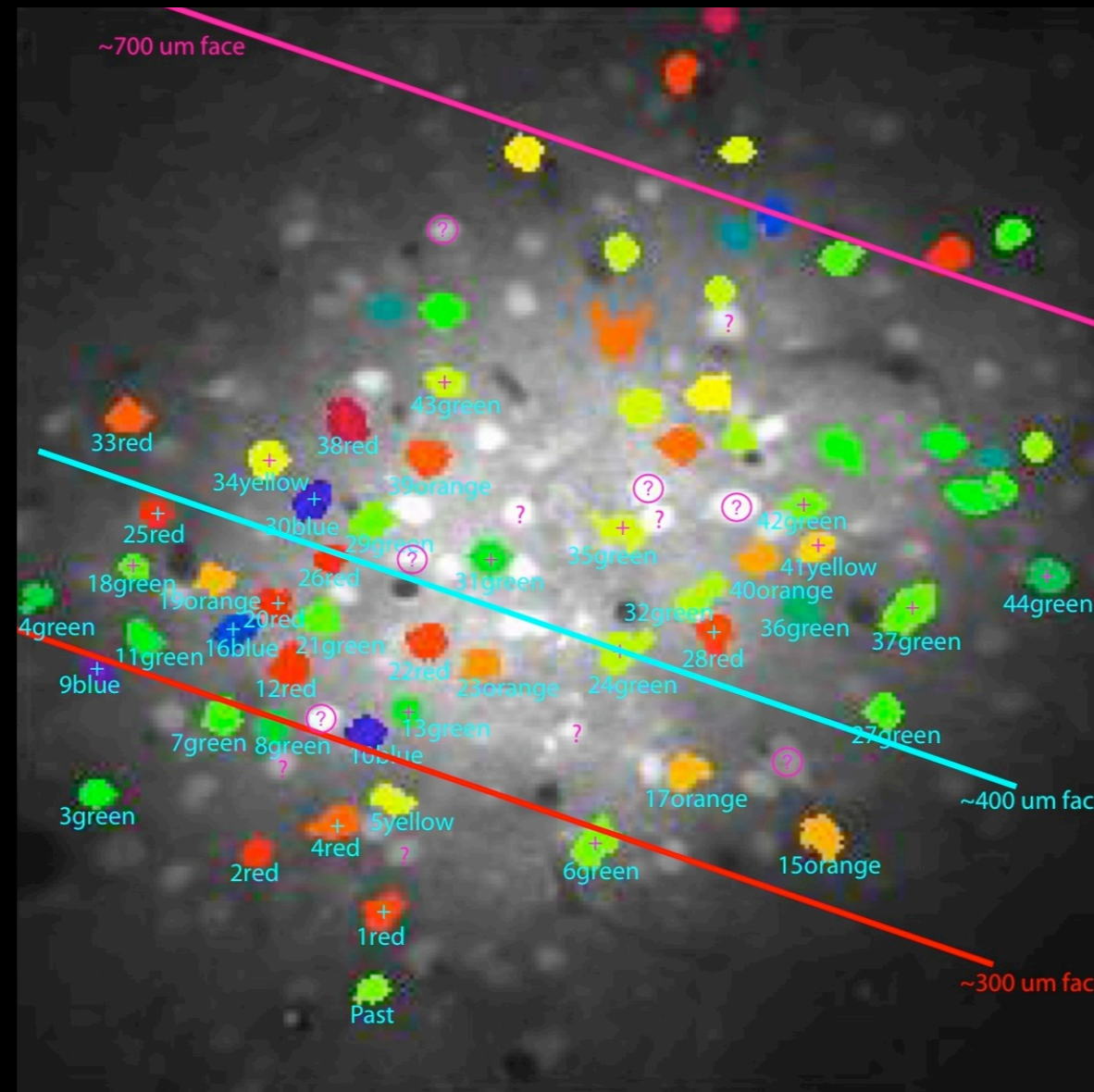
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C. Reid

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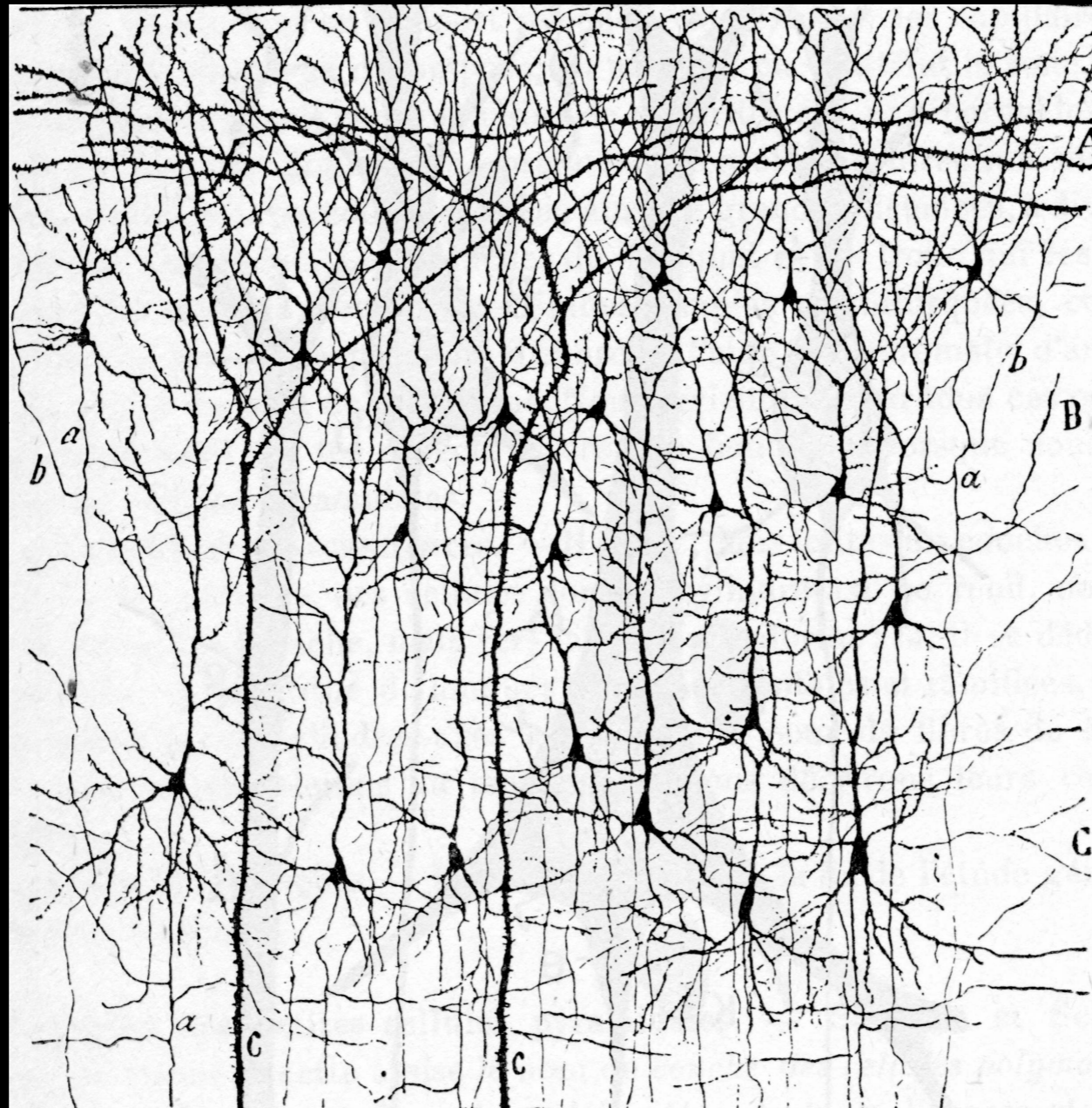
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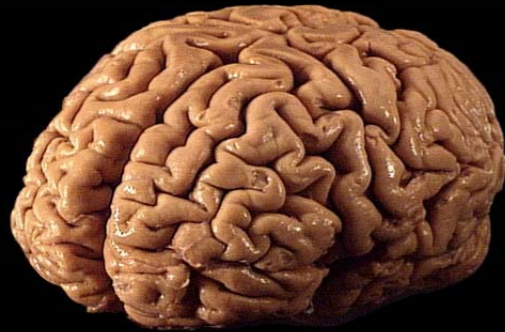
- What is their connectivity?



Ramón y Cajal, 1905

# Connectome Pipeline

# Connectome Pipeline



Get a brain

# Connectome Pipeline



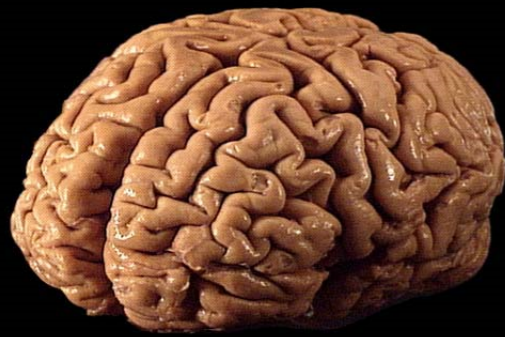
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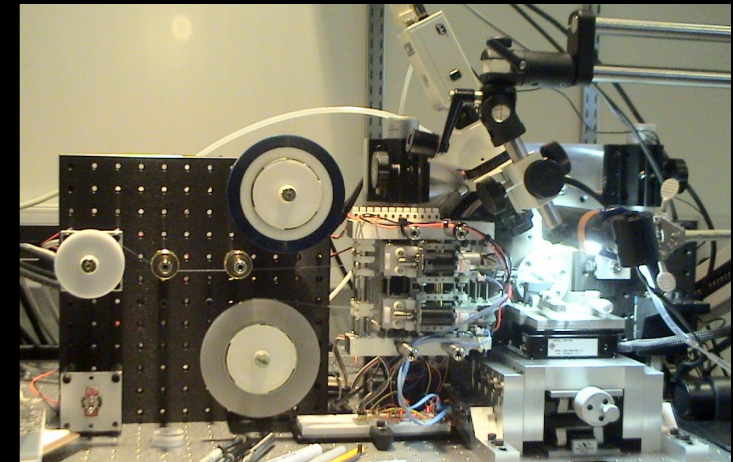
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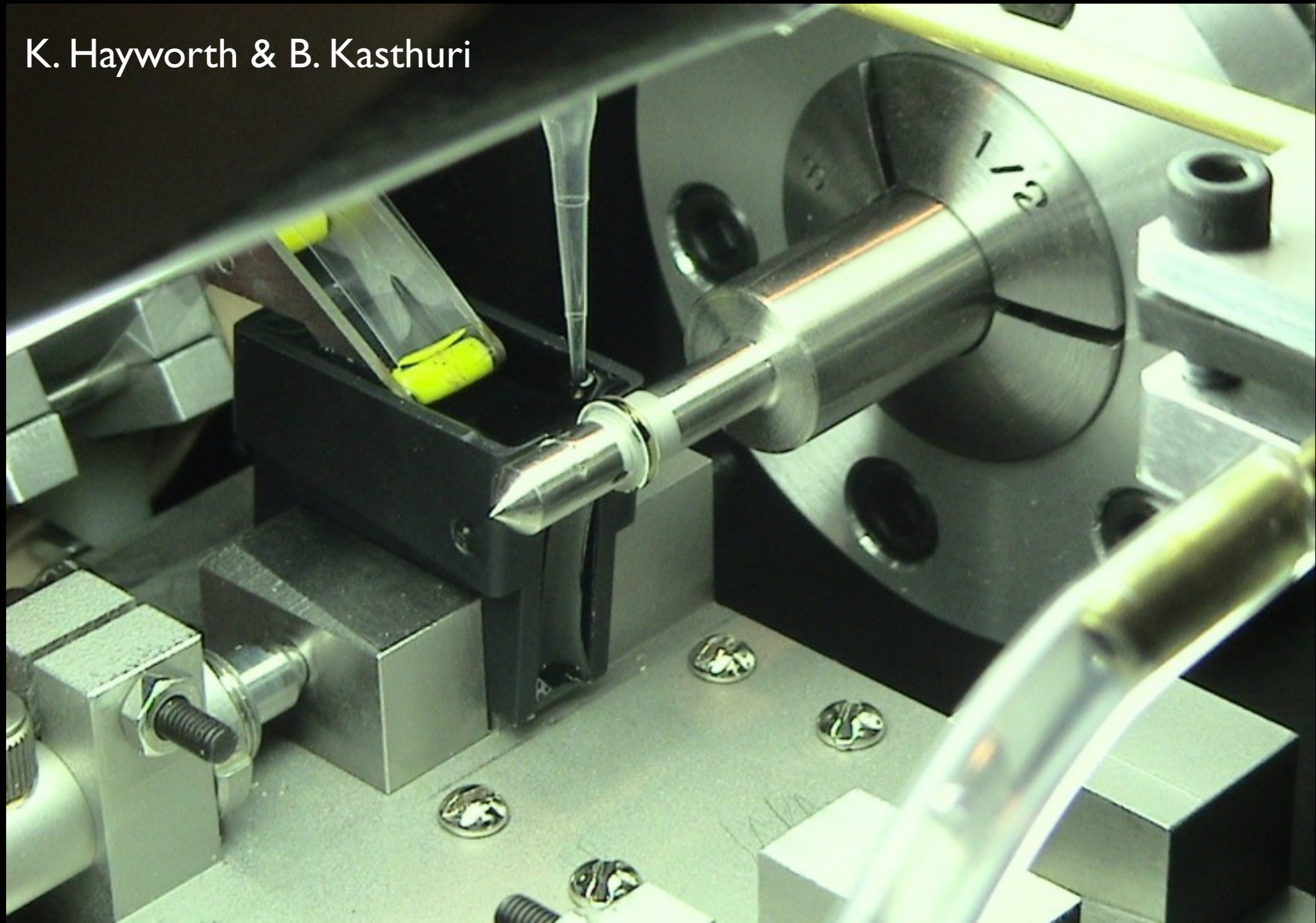
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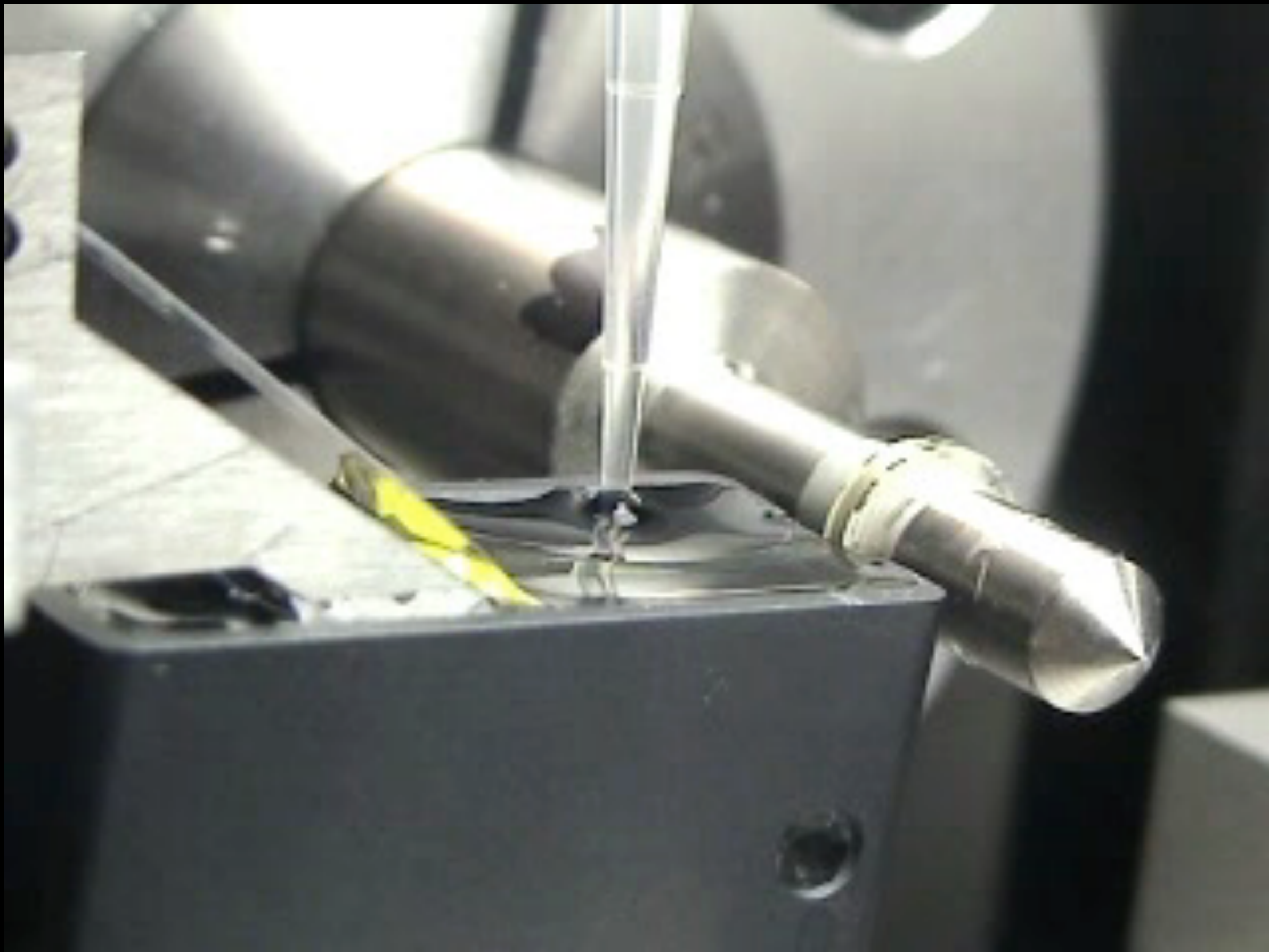


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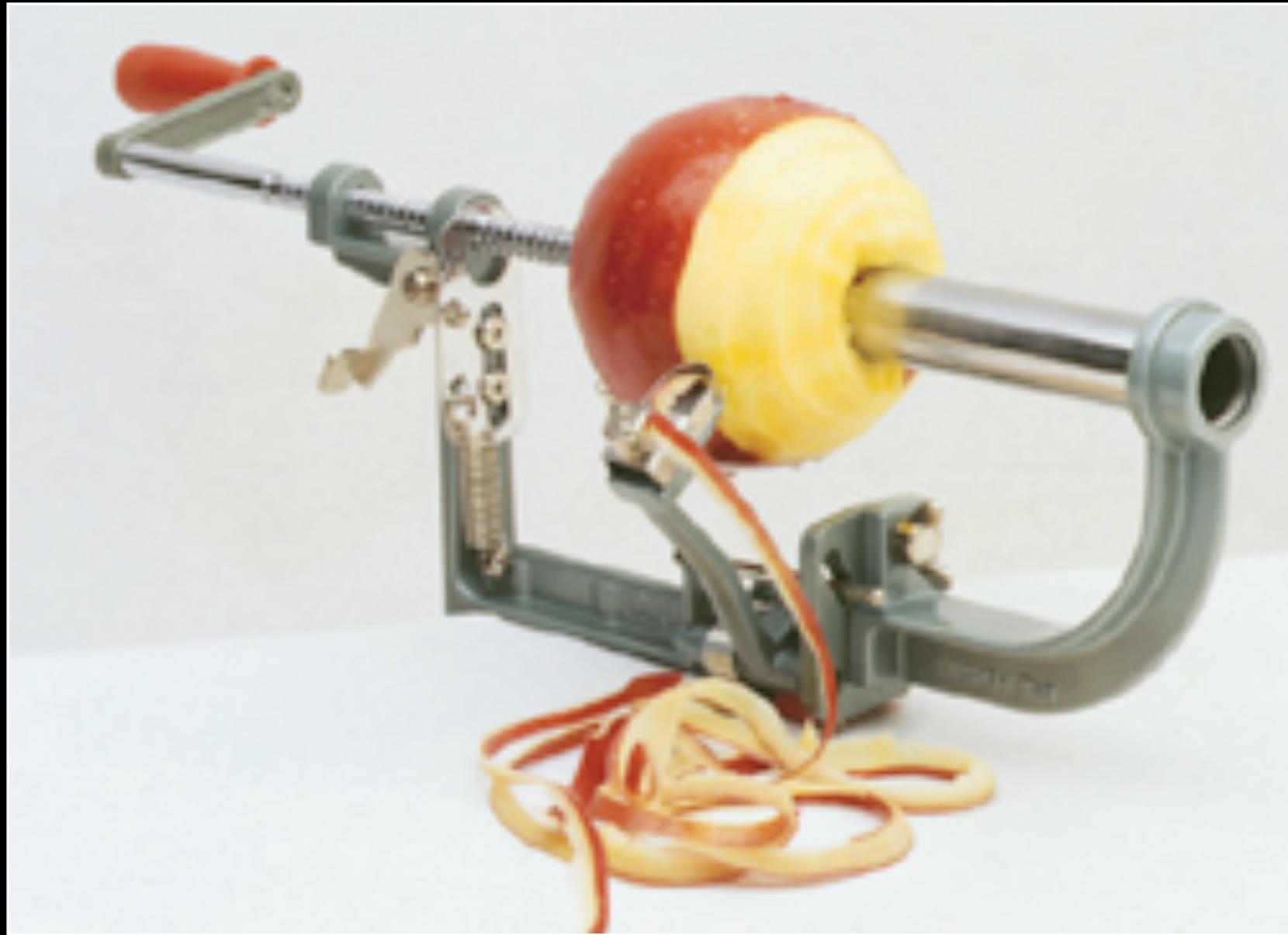
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K. Hayworth & B. Kasthuri

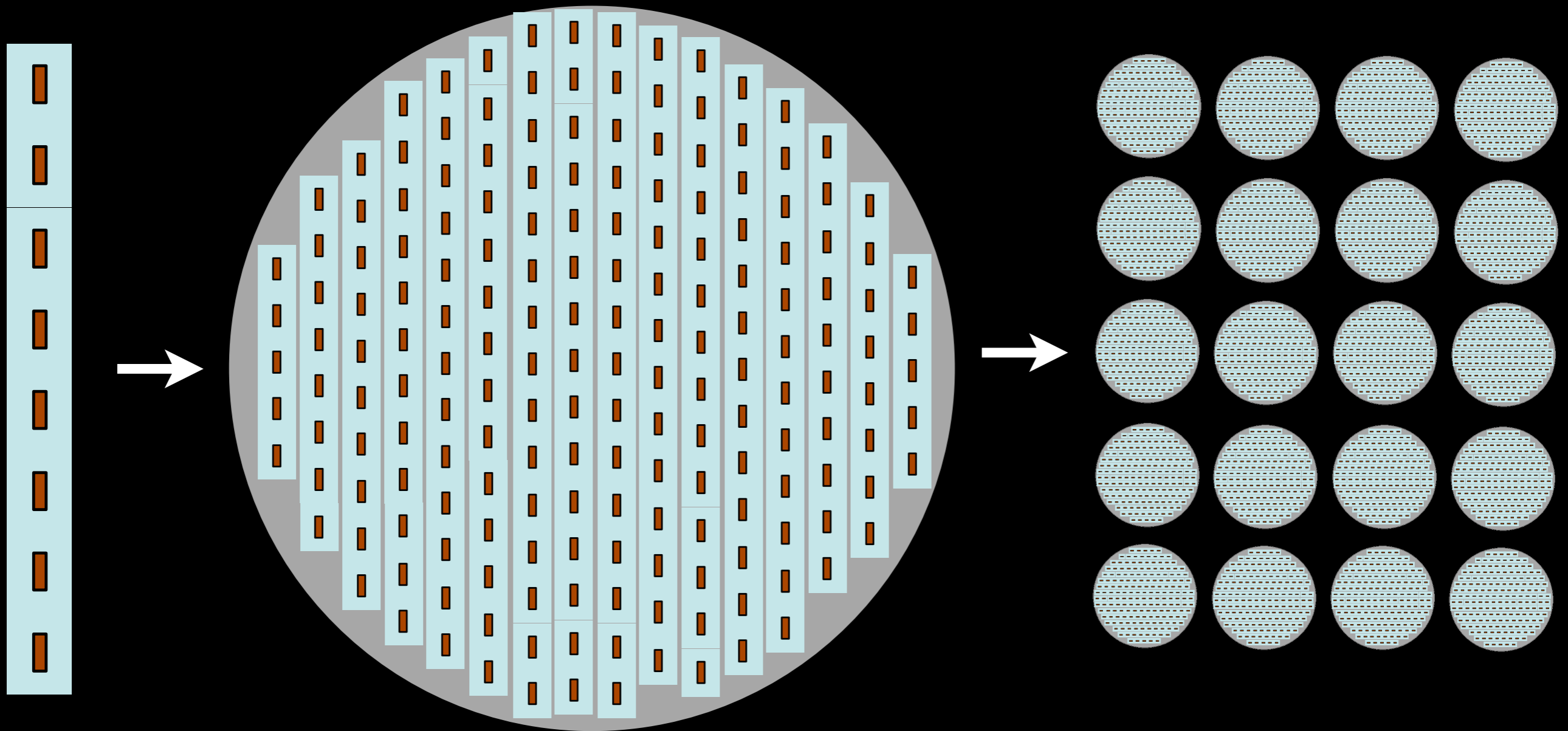




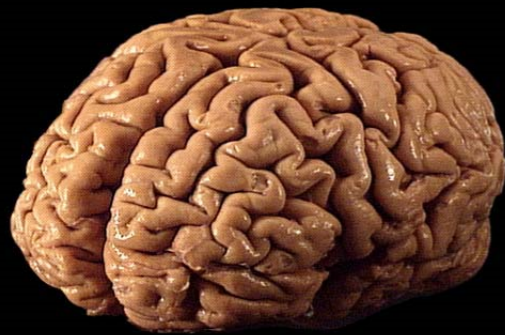
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# Ultrathin Section Libraries



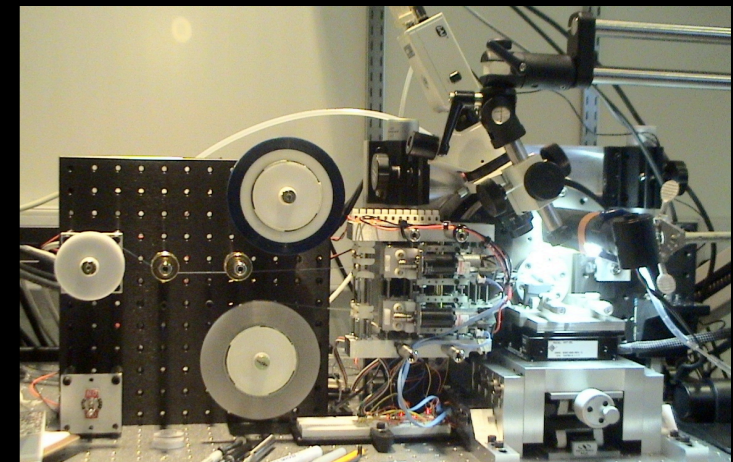
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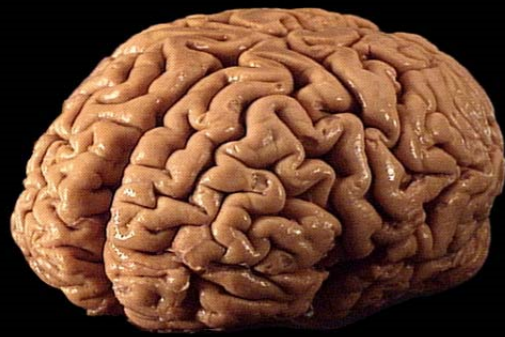


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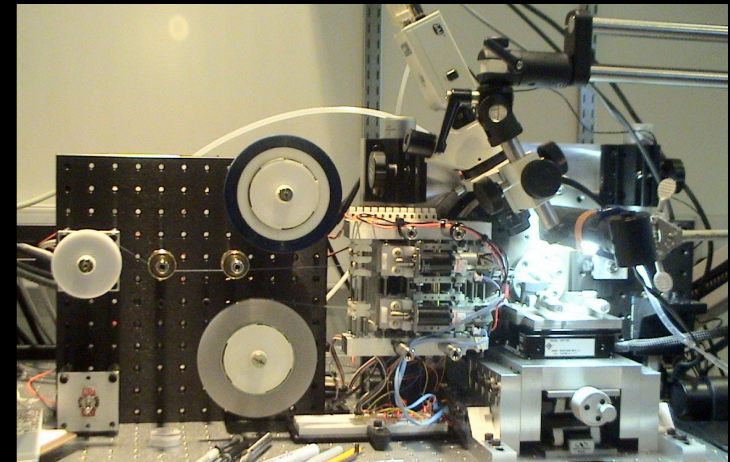
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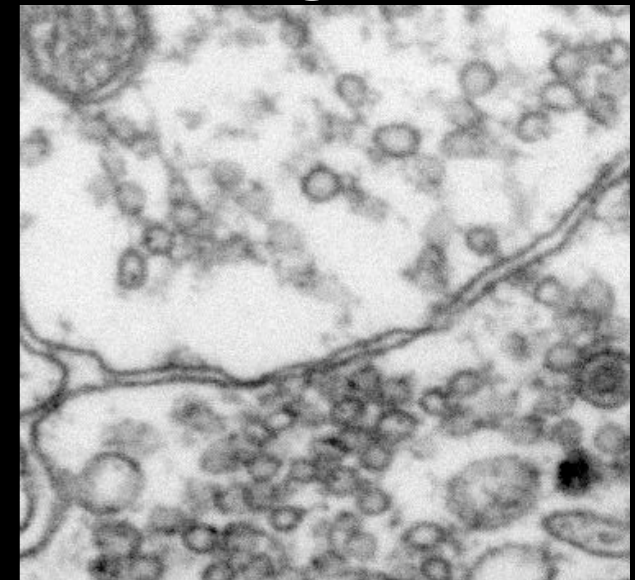
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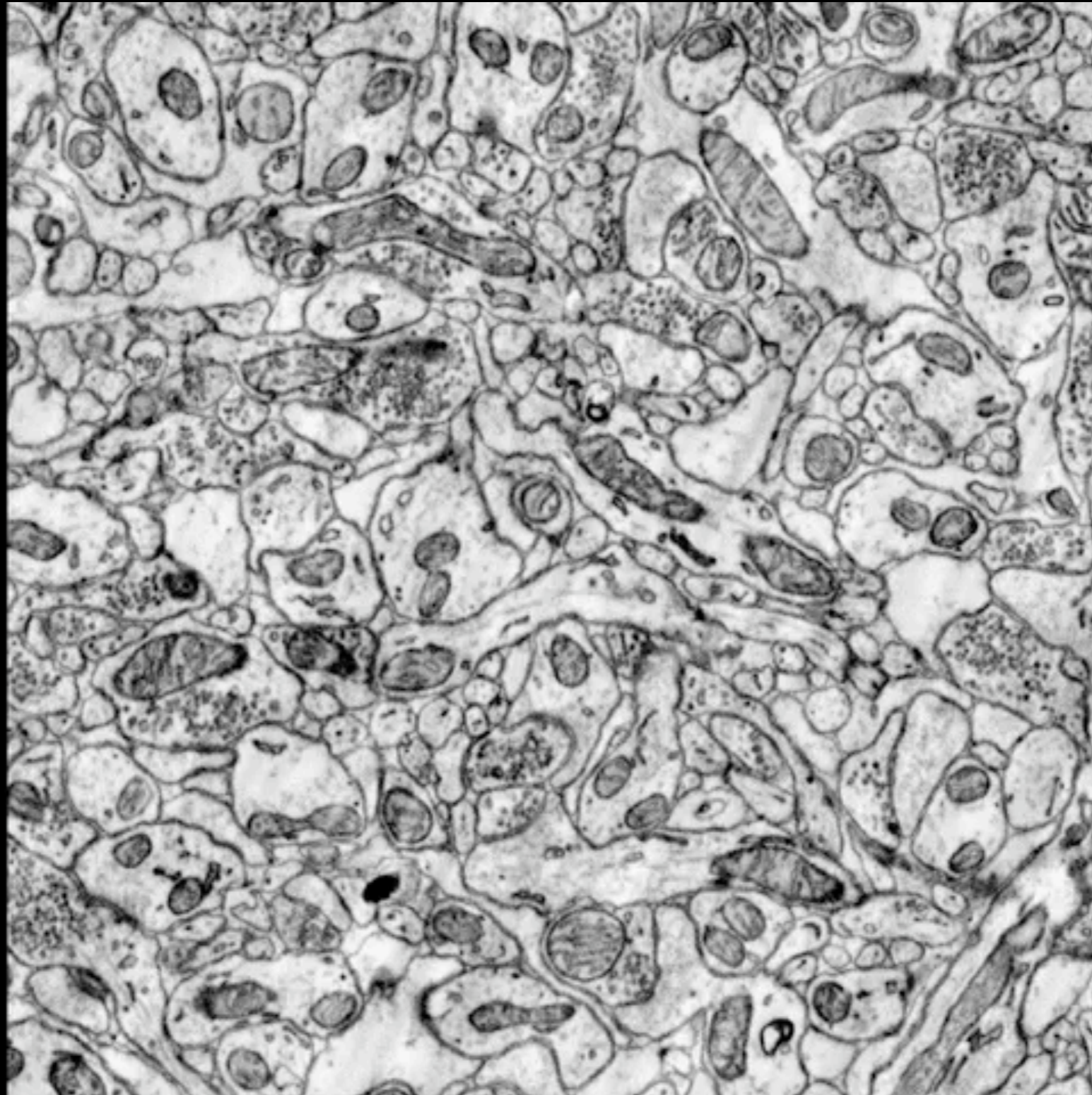


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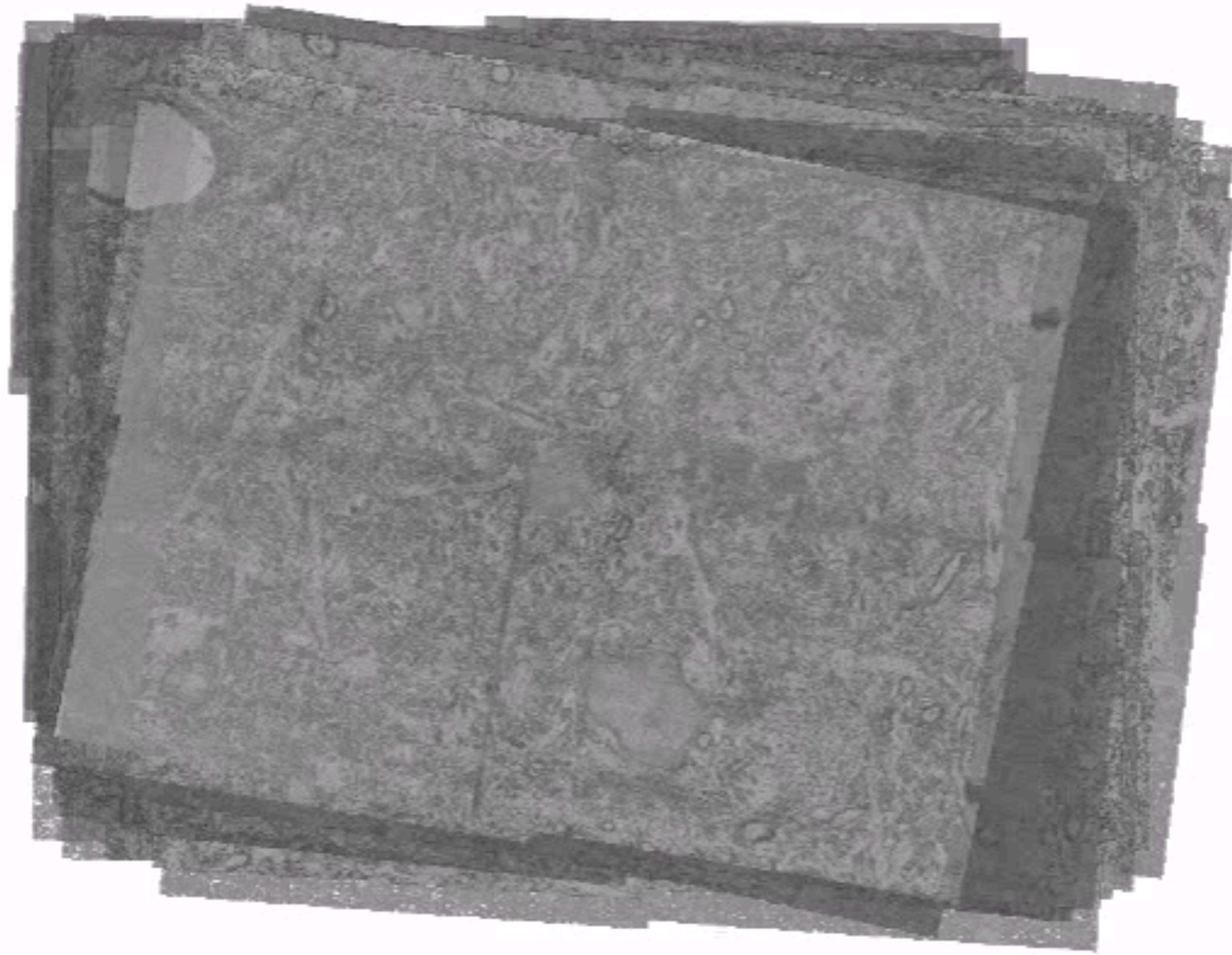


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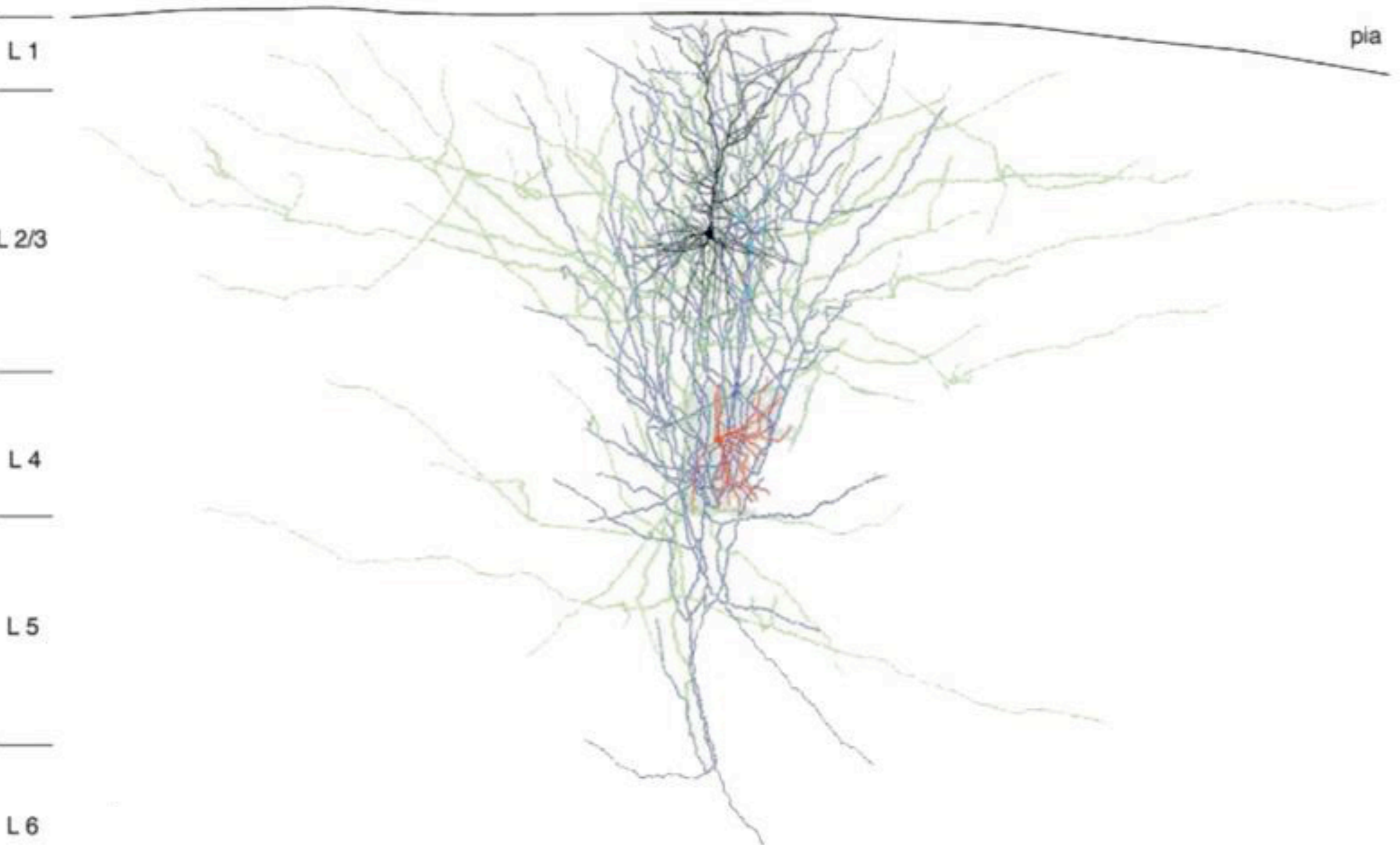






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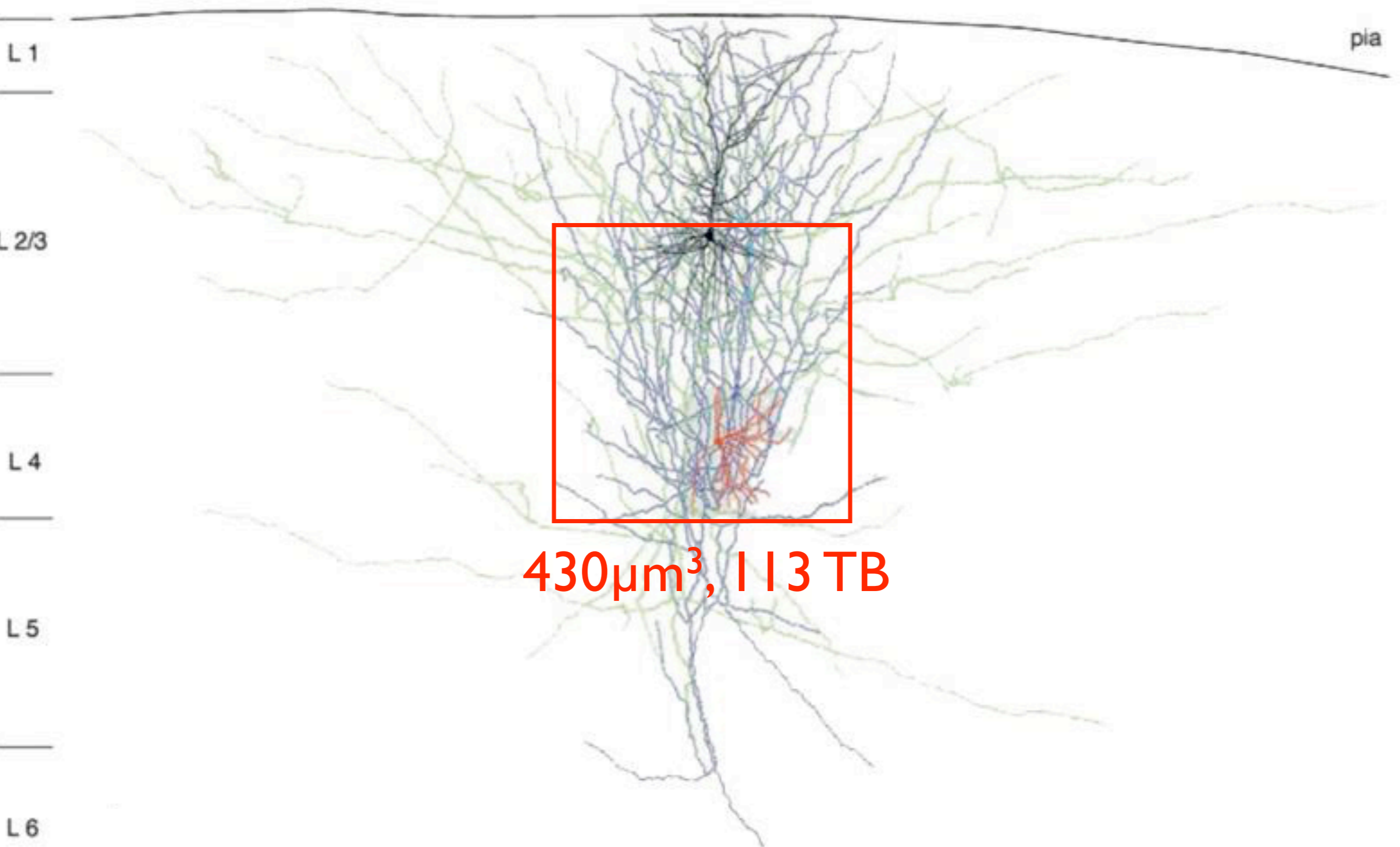
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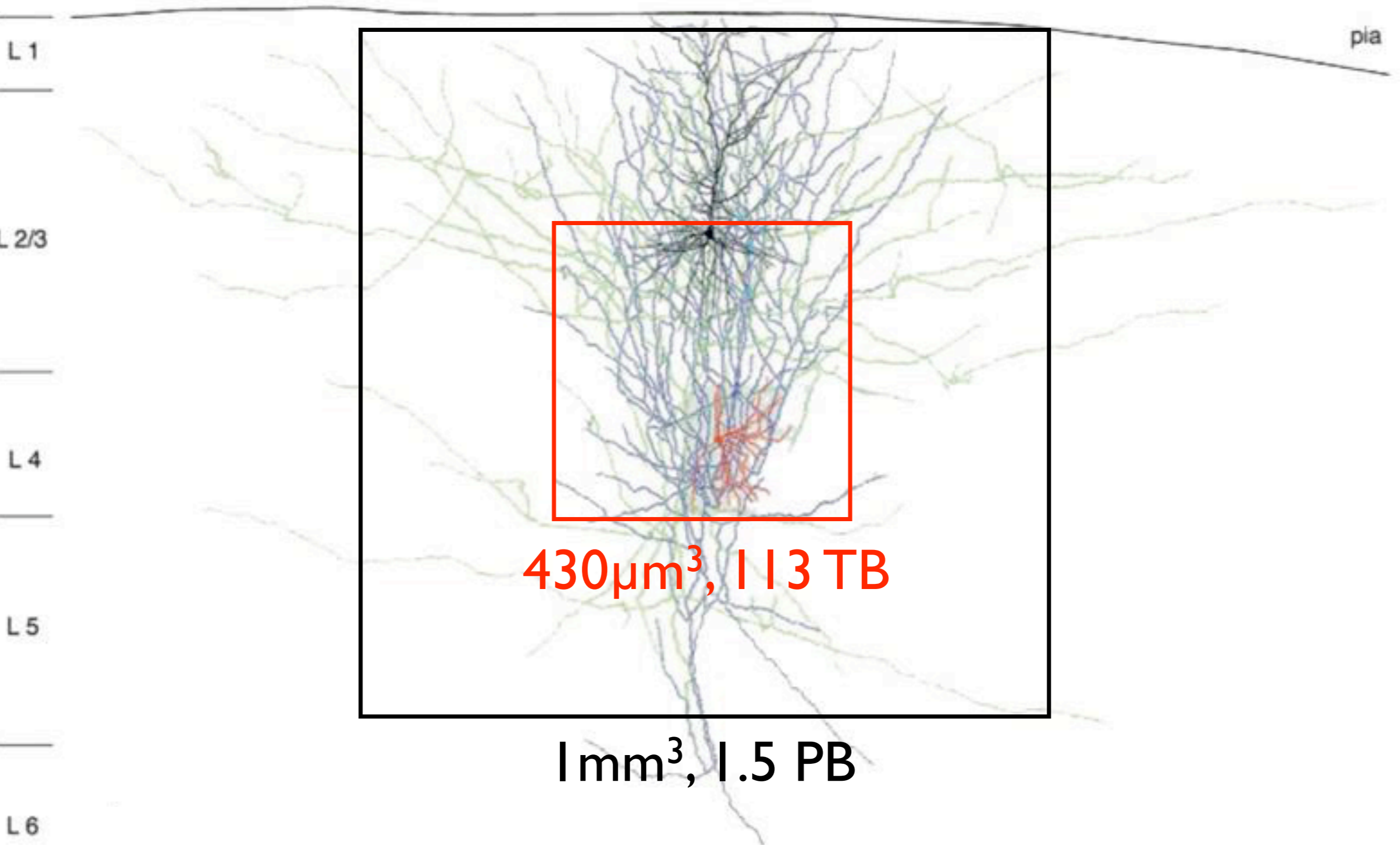
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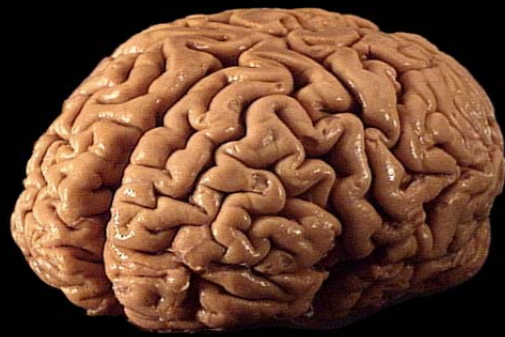


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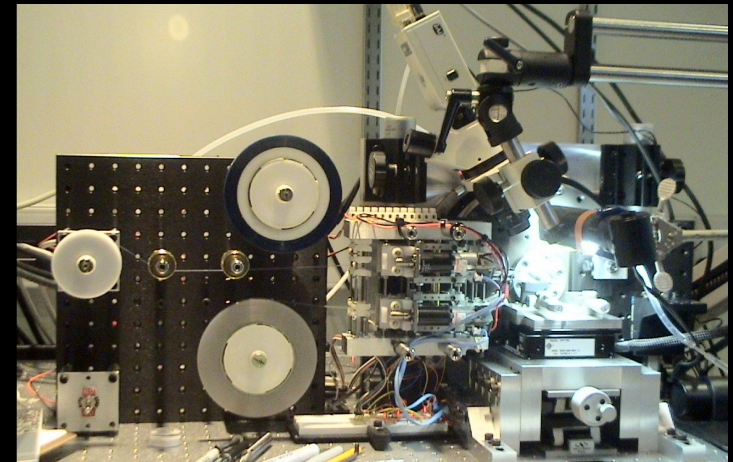
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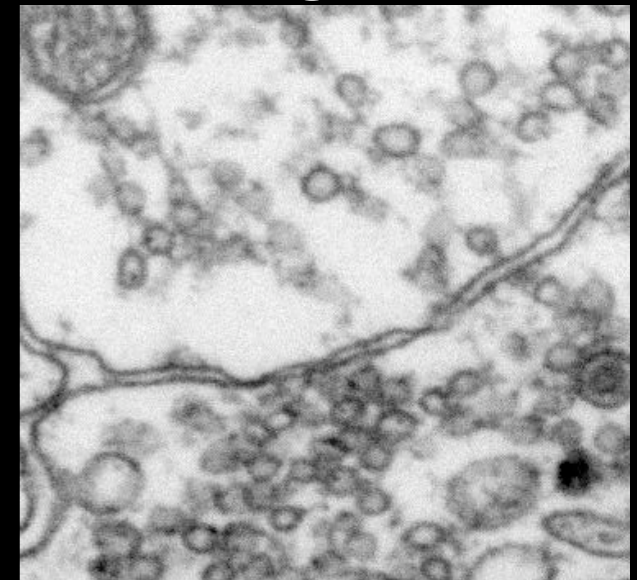
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Cut it thin



Image it



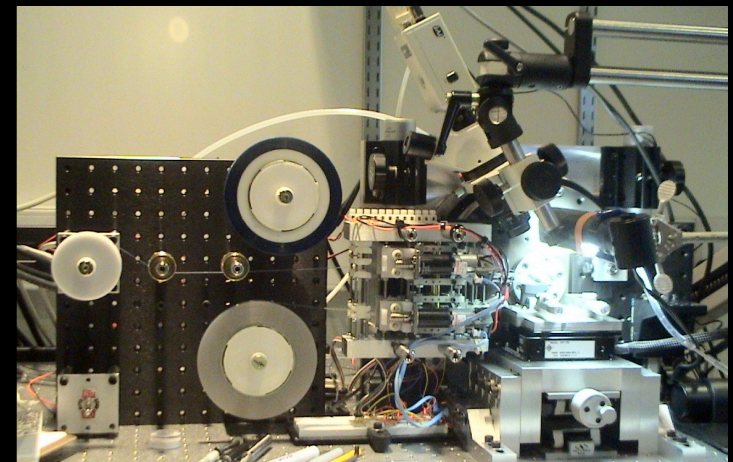
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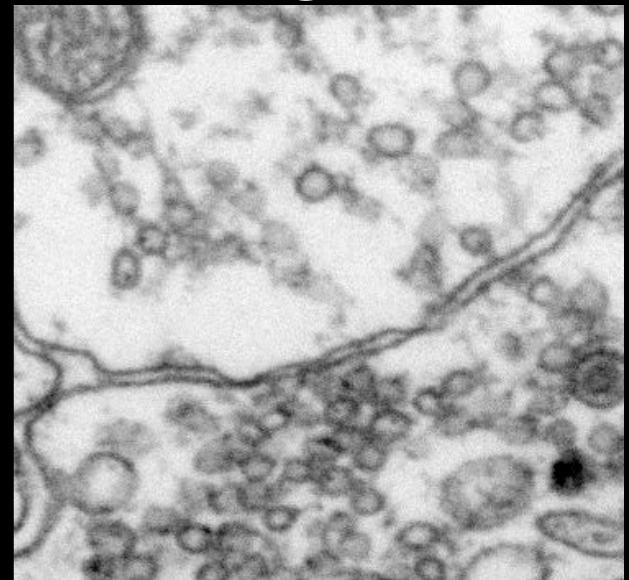
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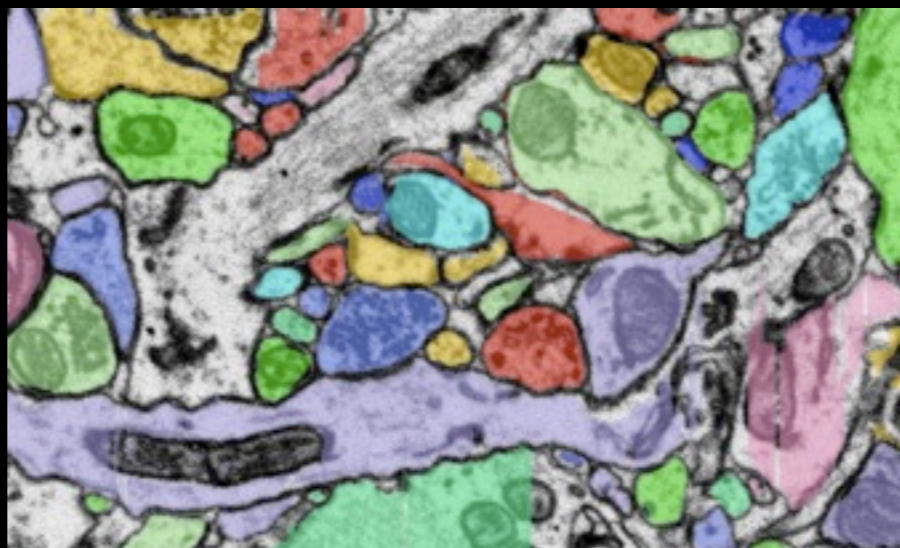
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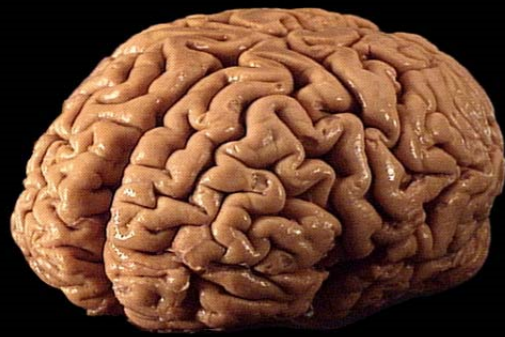
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Reconstruct



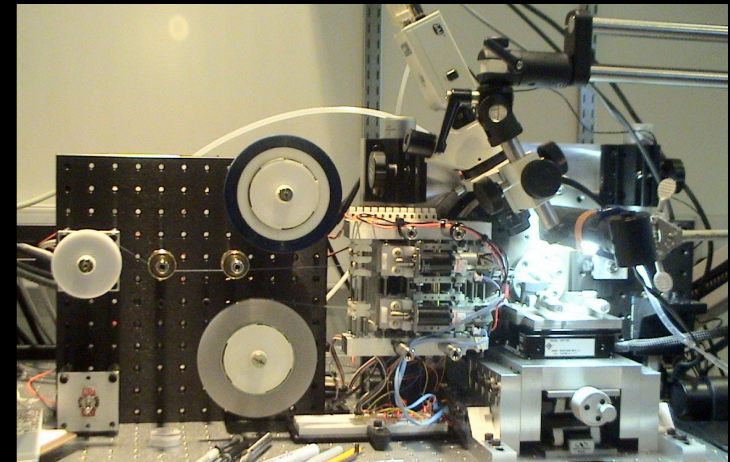
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Get a brain



Get a piece



Cut it thin



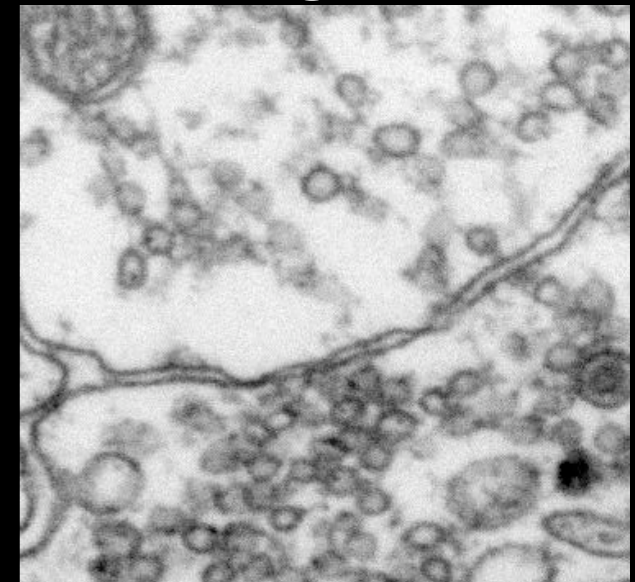
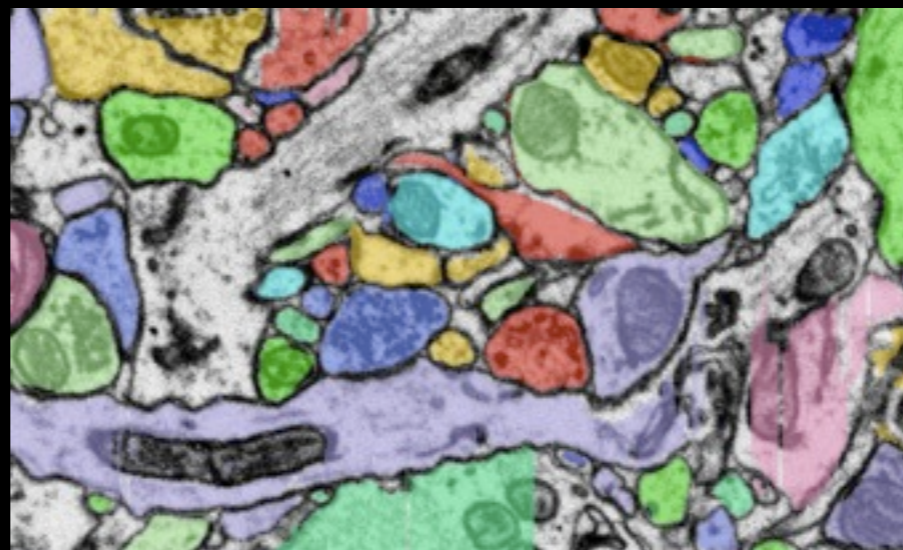
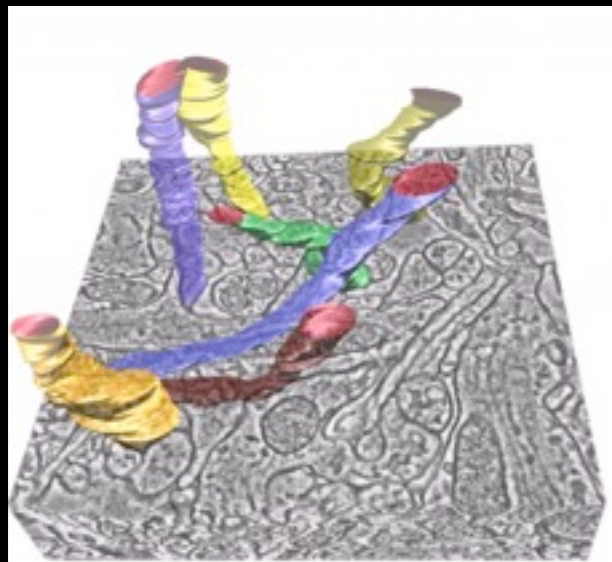
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Reconstruct



Visualize & Analyze



# Reconstruction

- Active Ribbons [Vazquez 09]

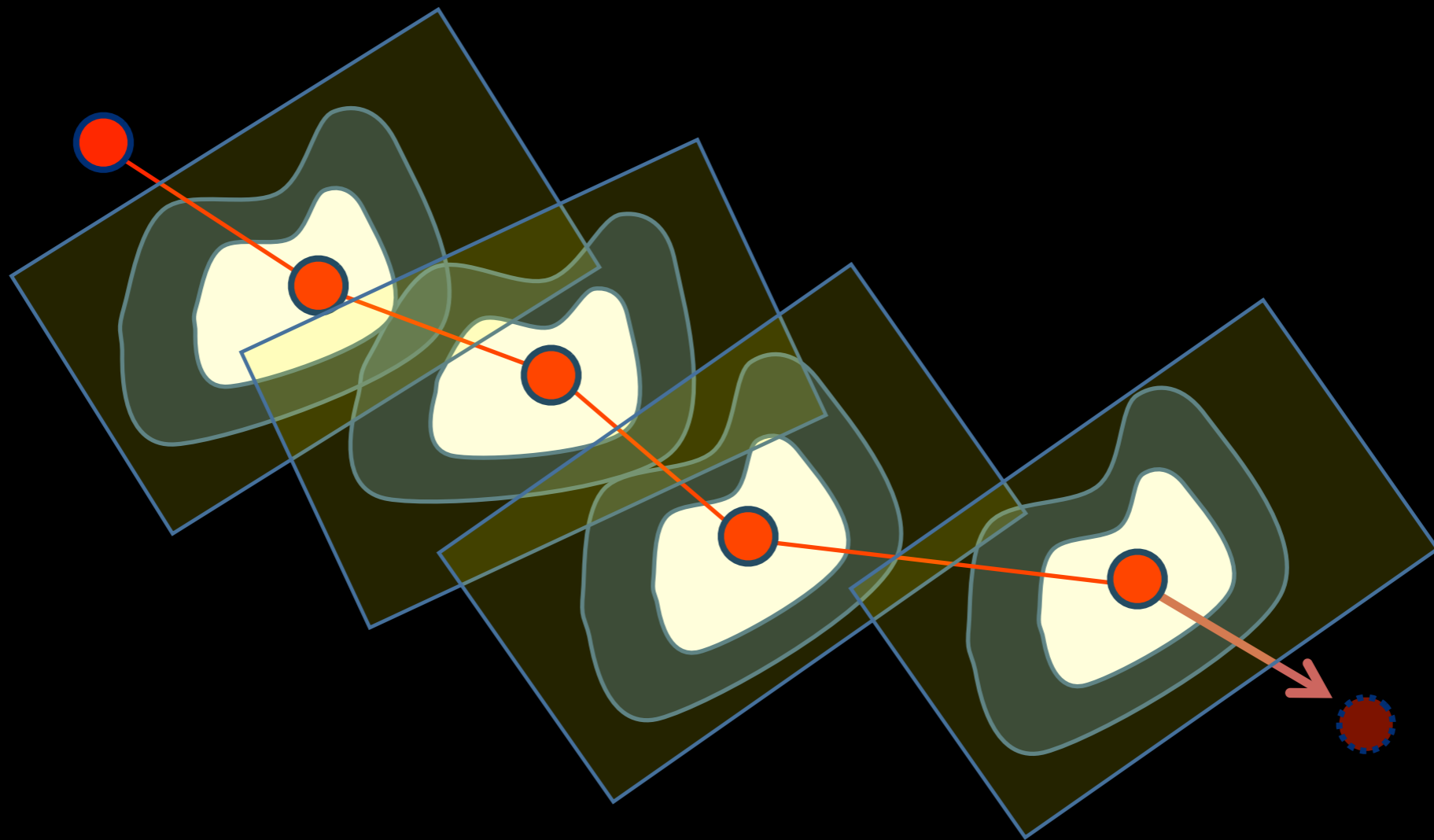


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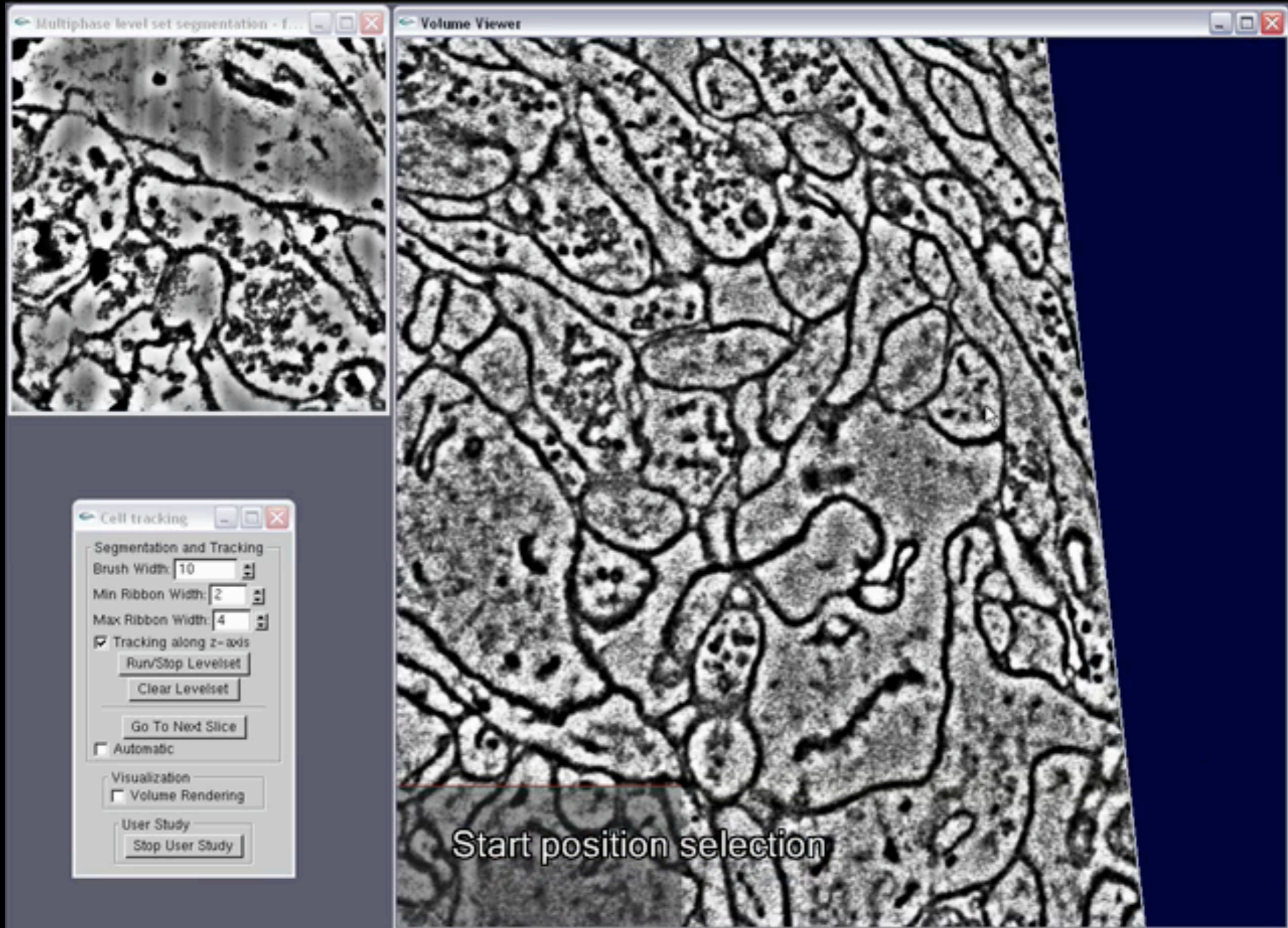


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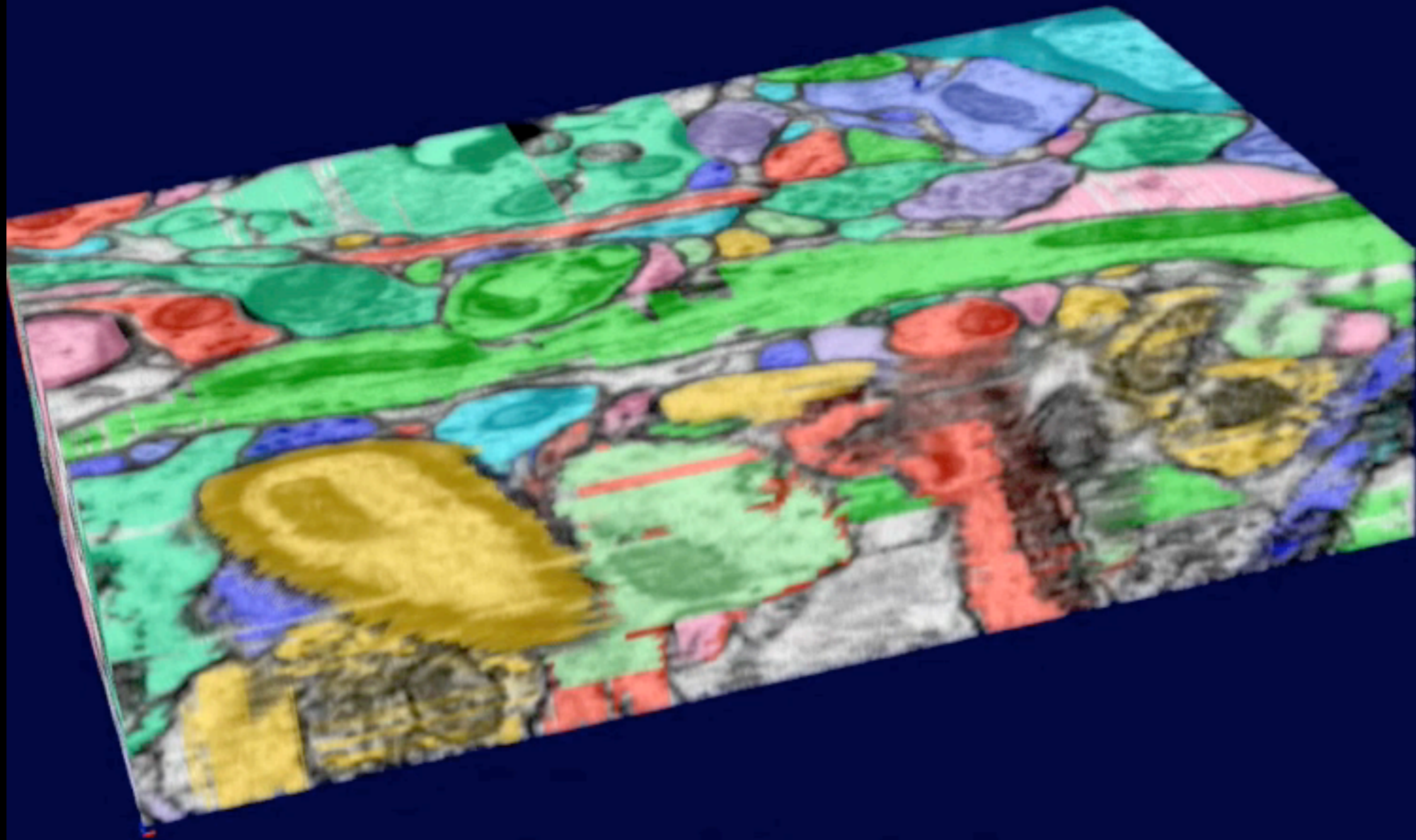
- Active Ribbons on GPUs: 23x speedup



# NeuroTrace [Jeong 09]



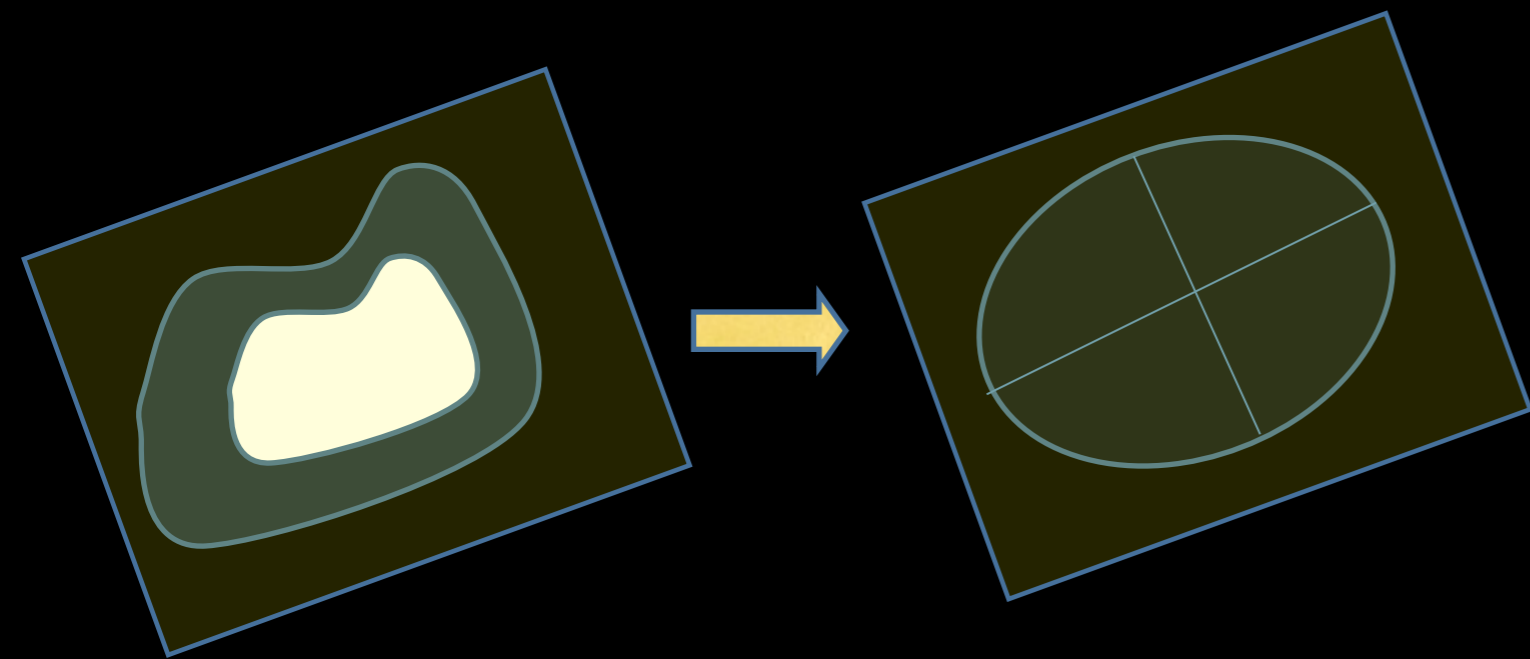
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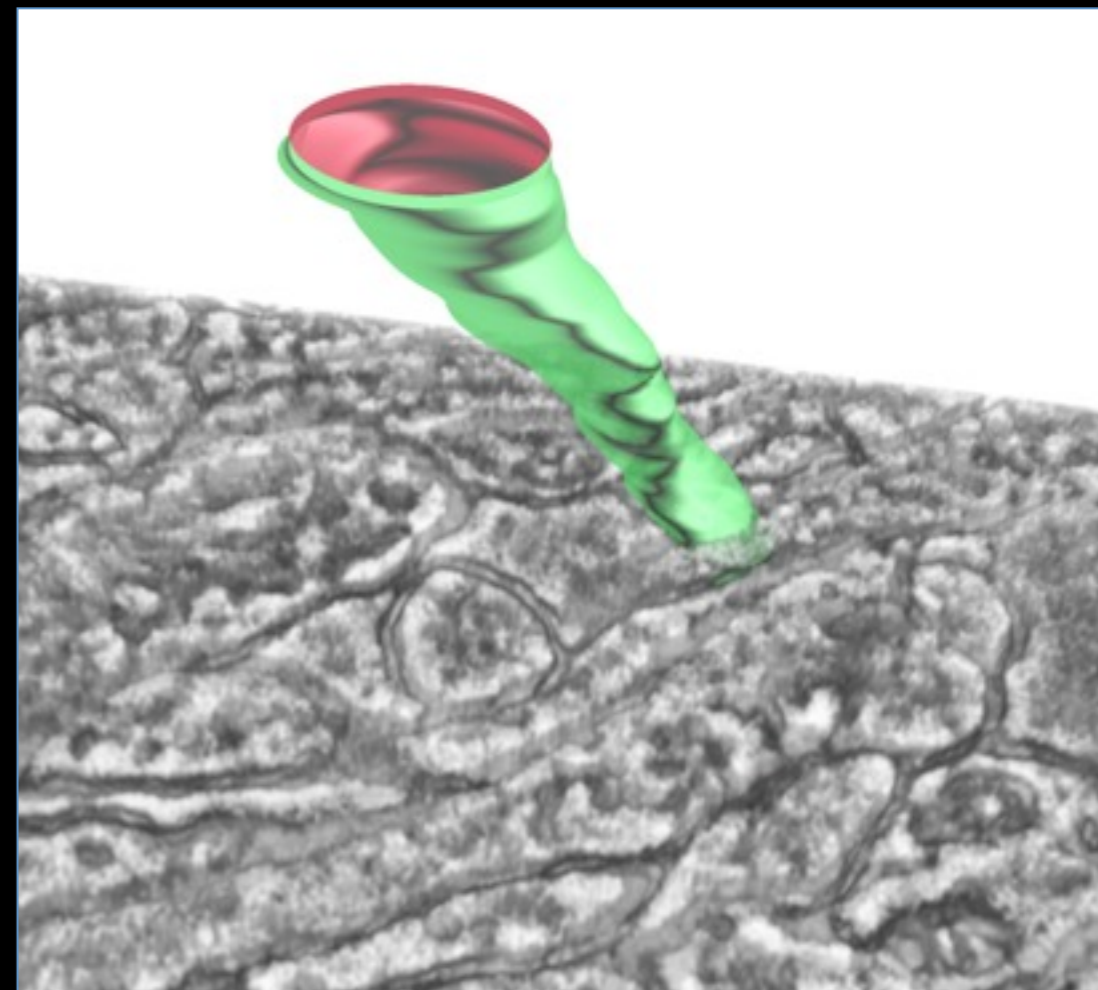
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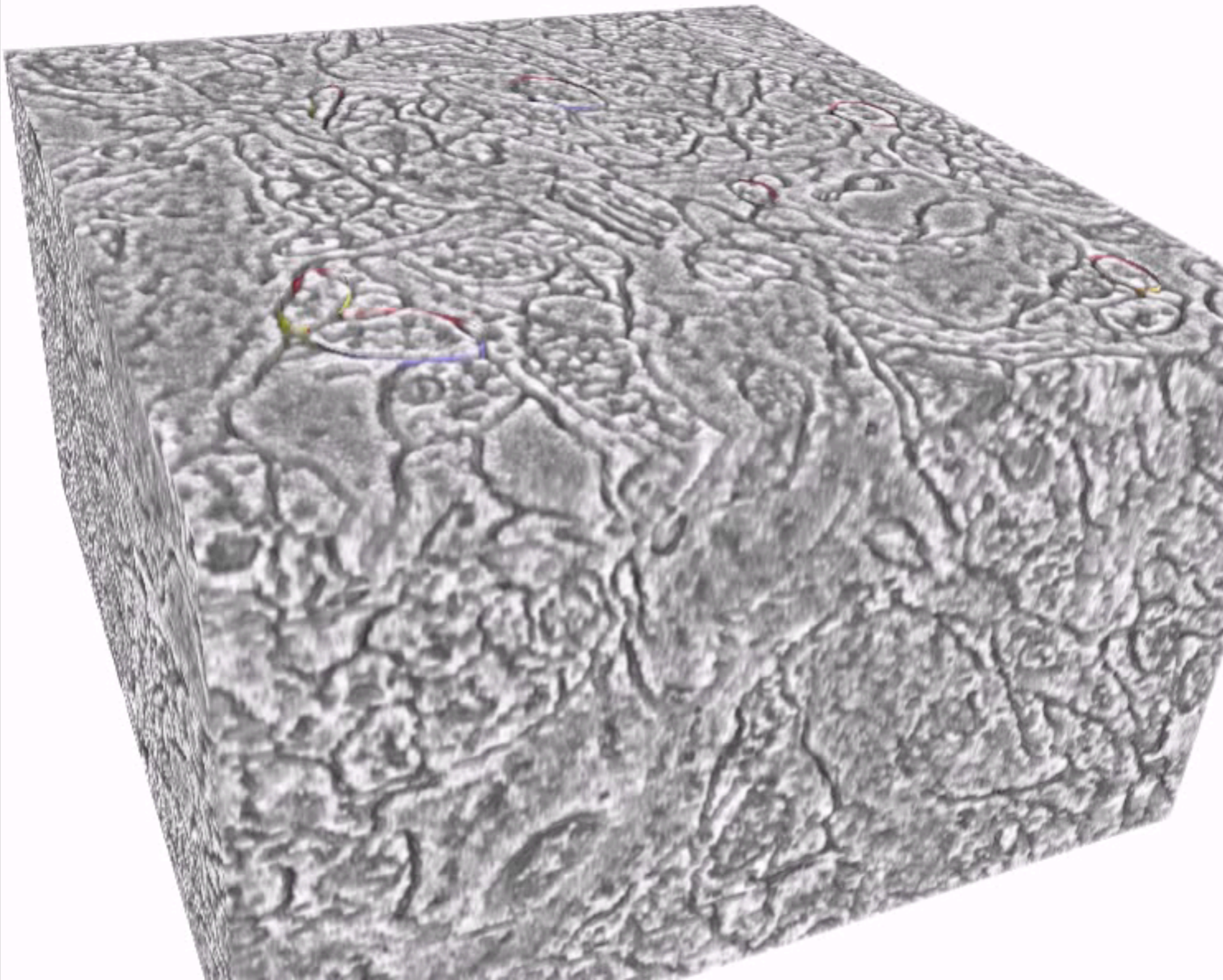
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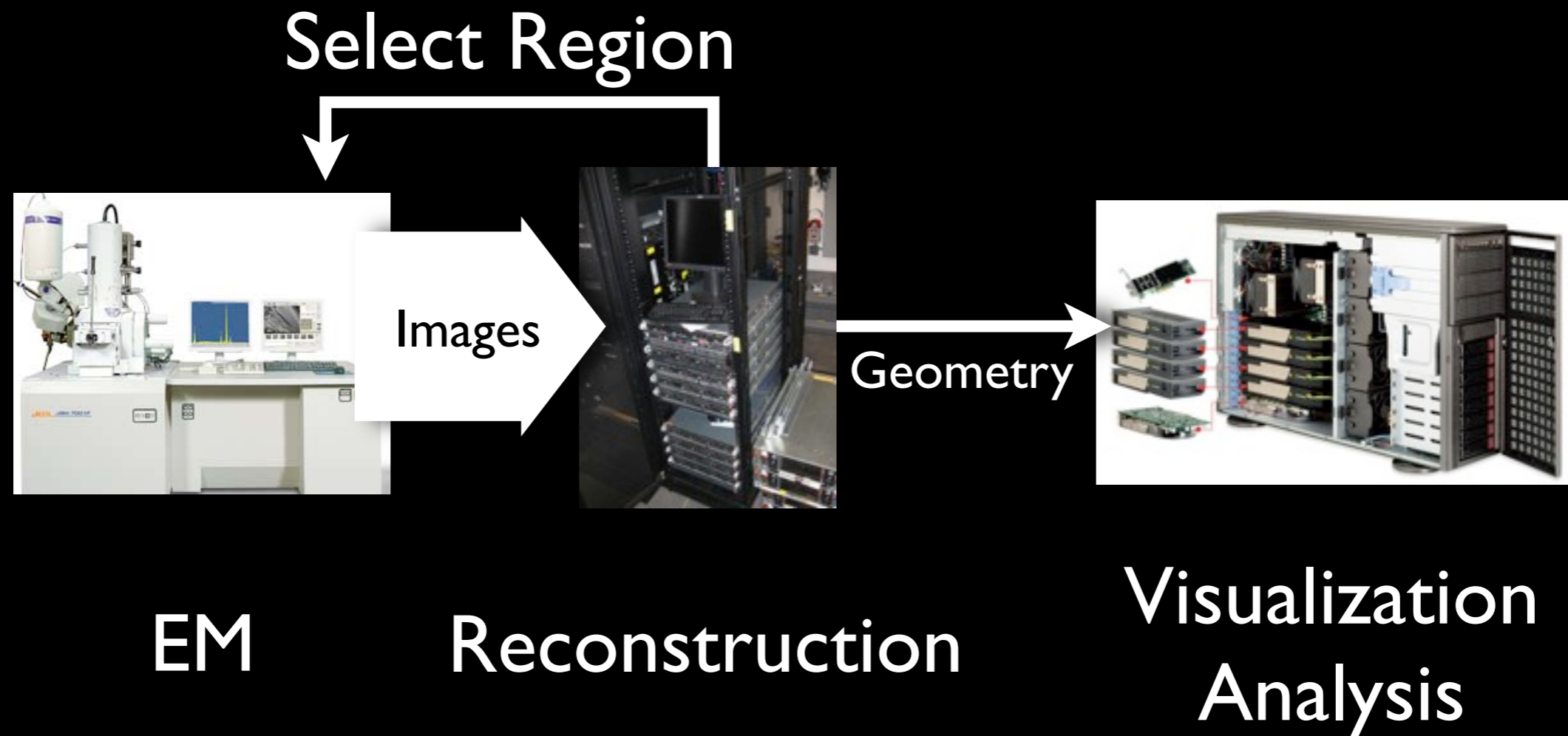


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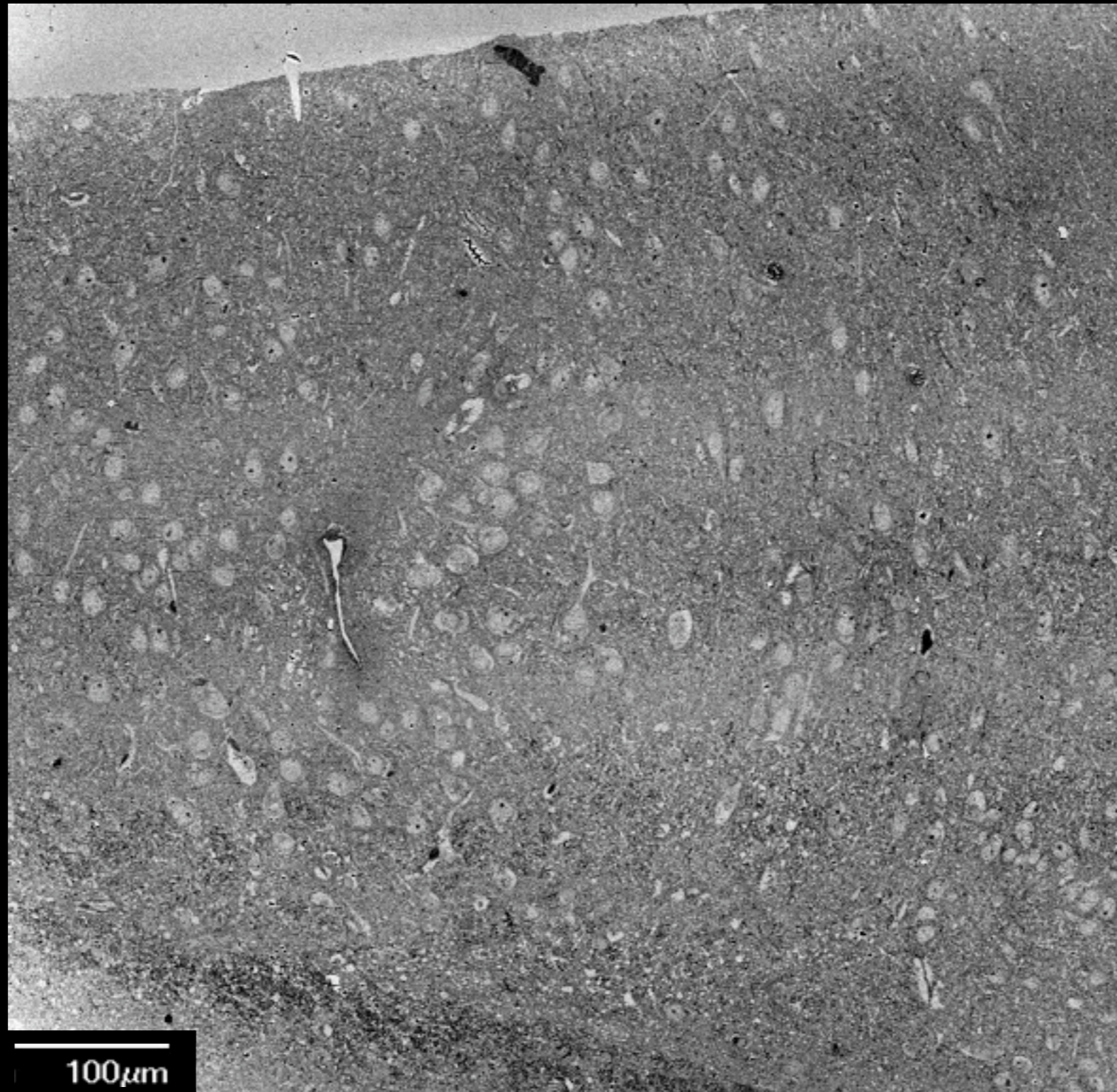




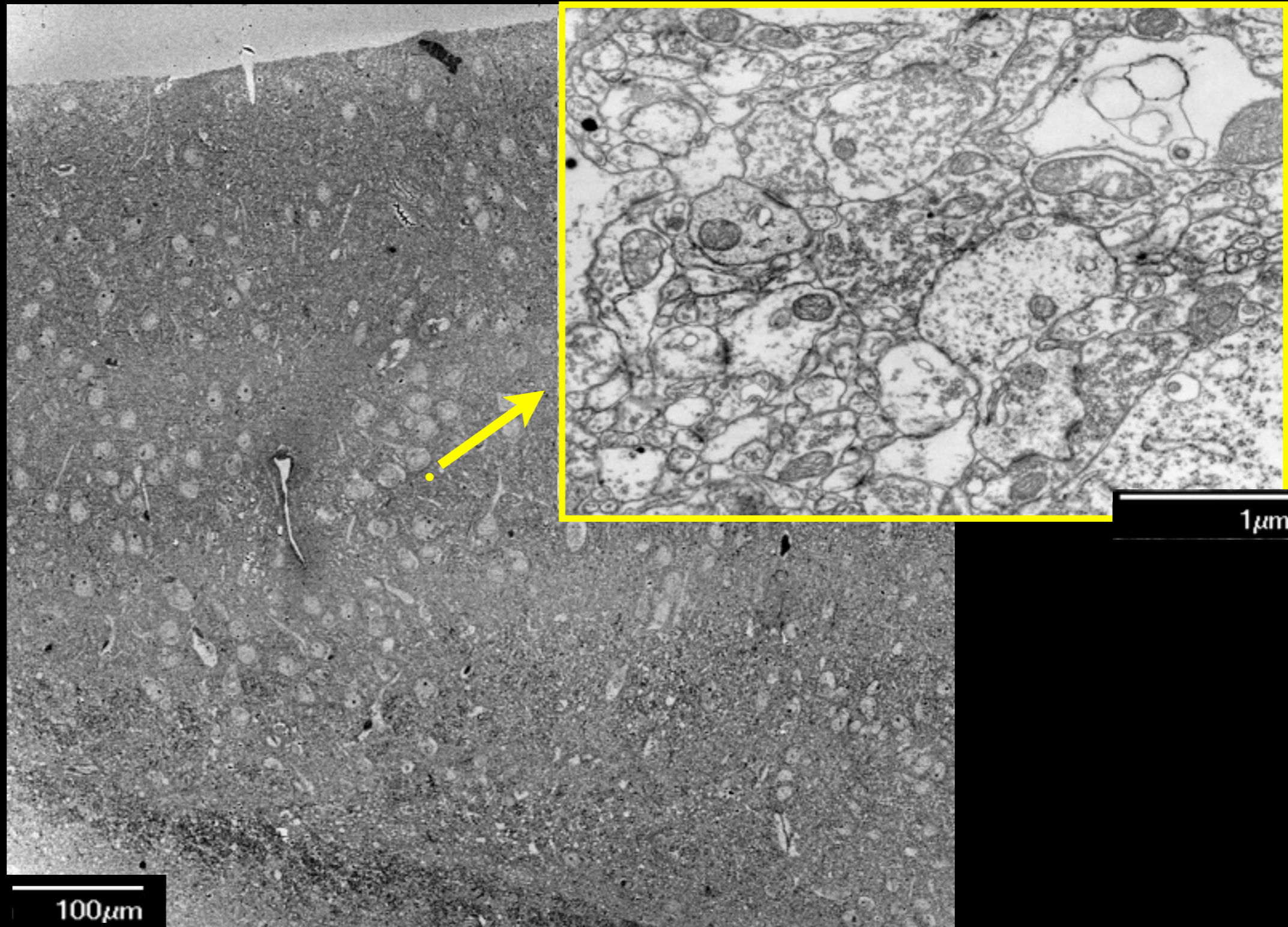
# High-Throughput Neuroscience



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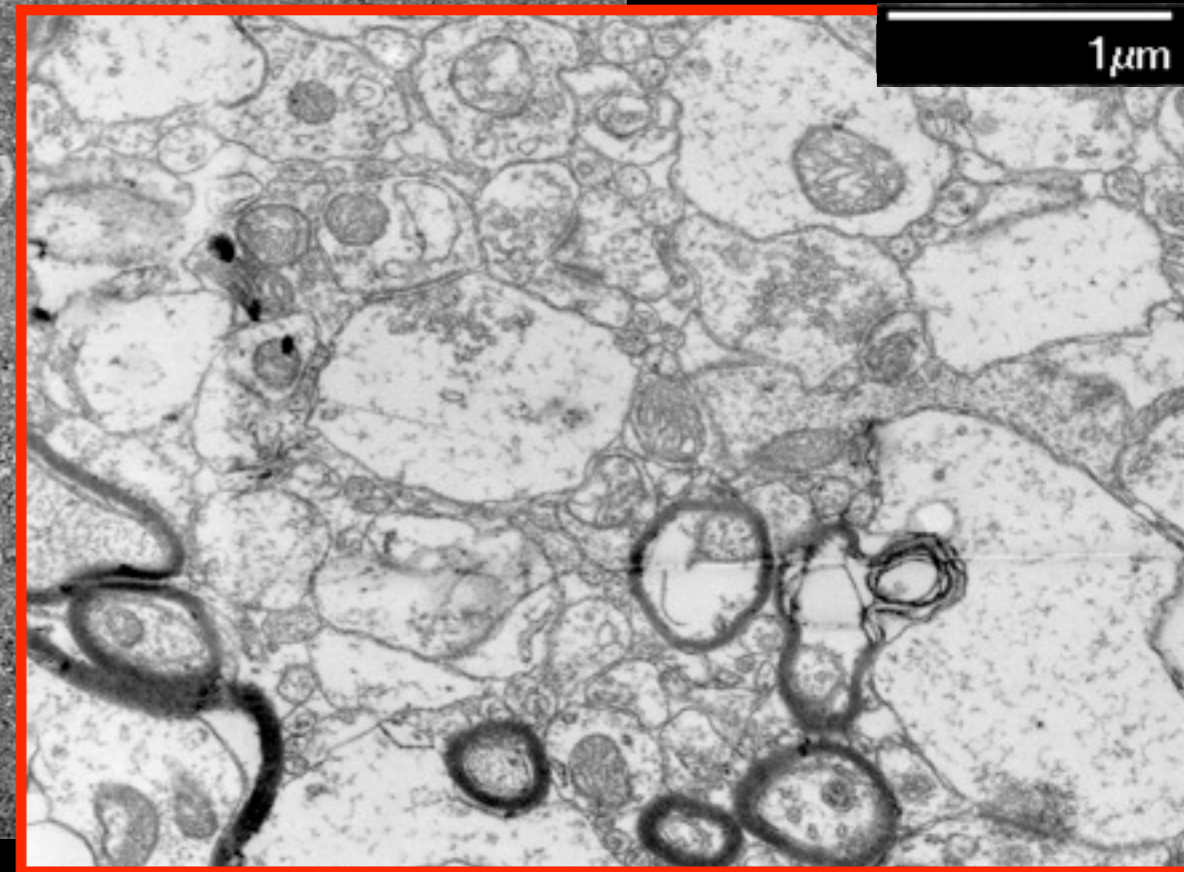
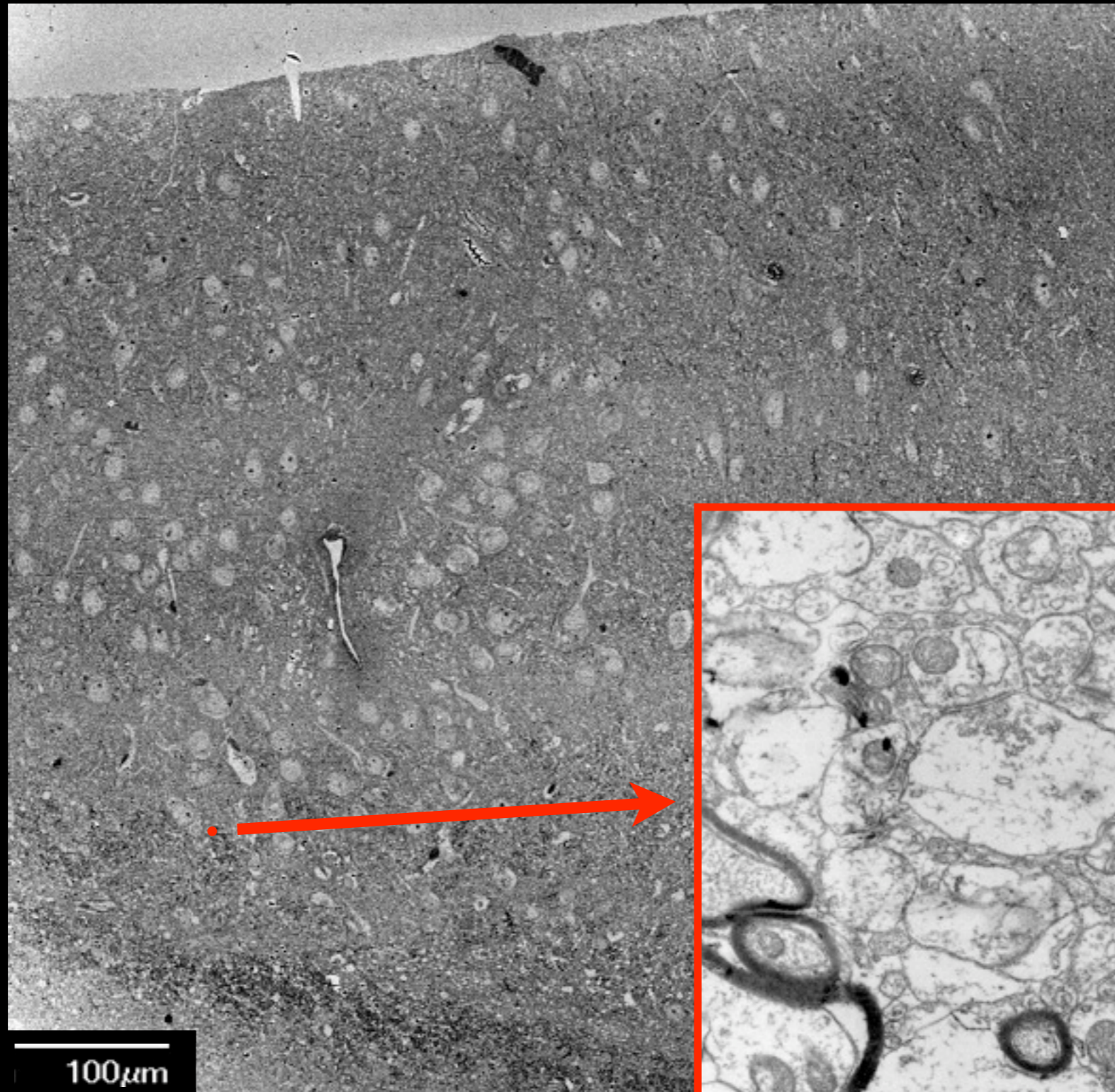


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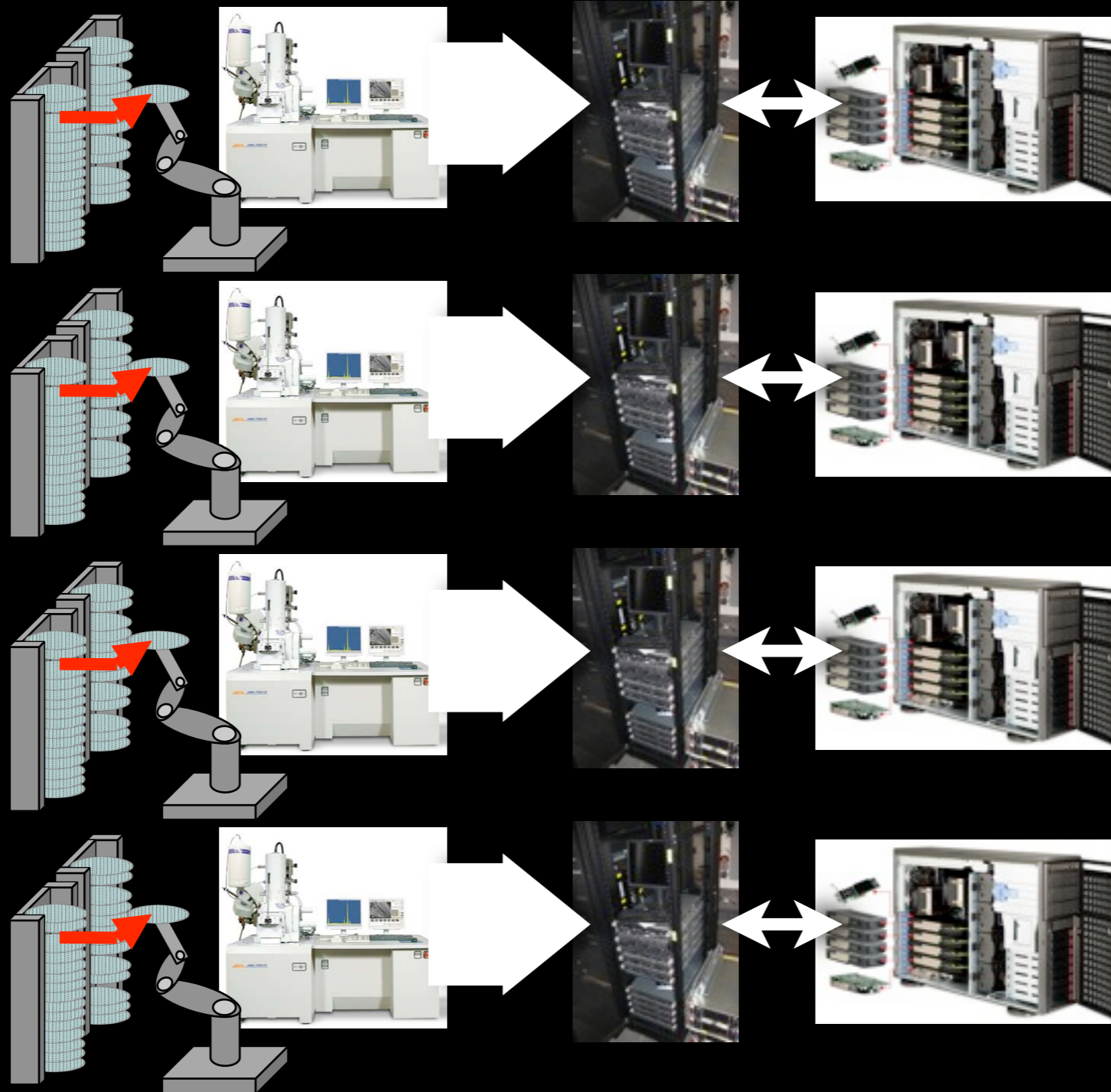




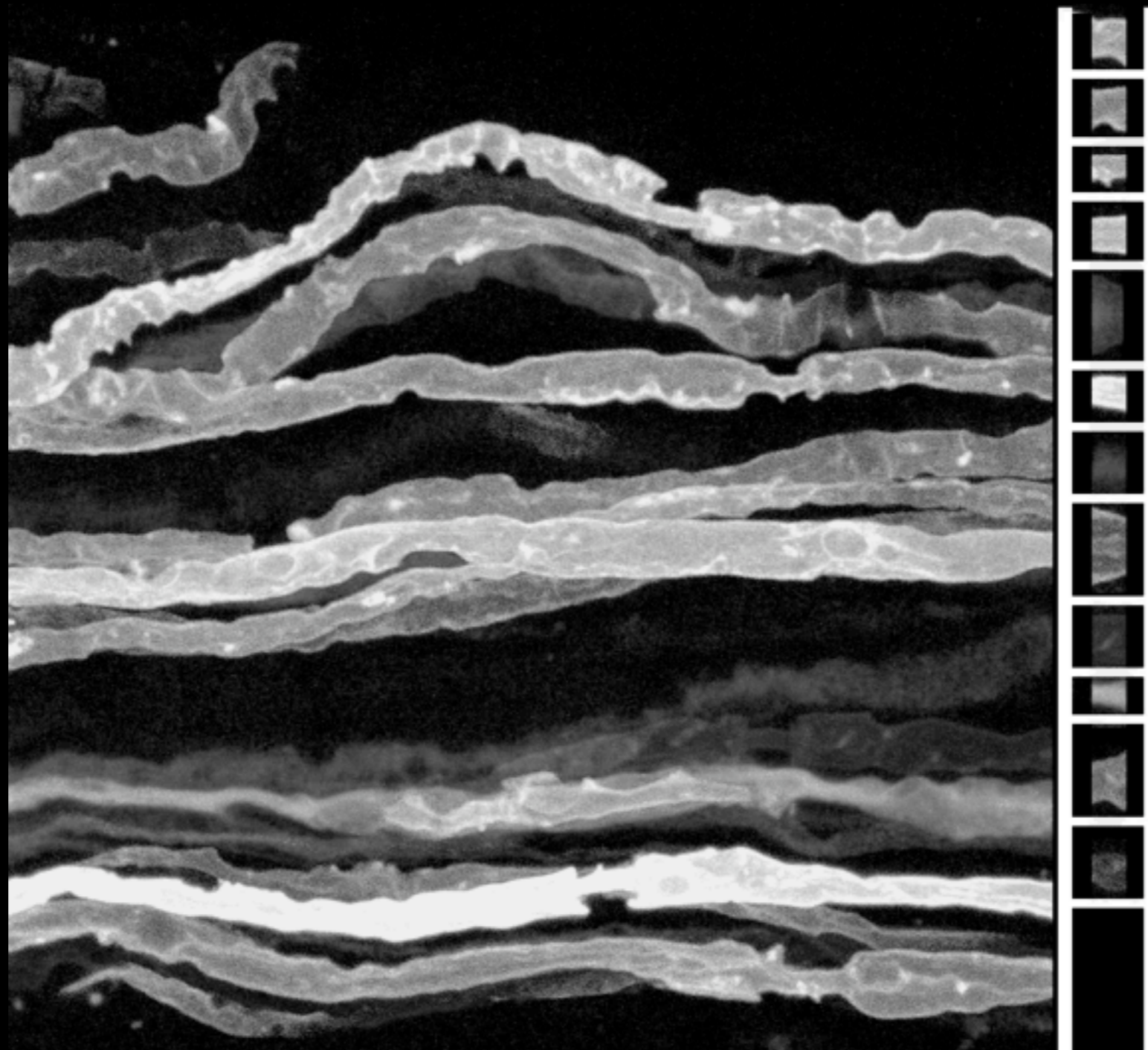
# Multi-Scale Imaging



# Scalable

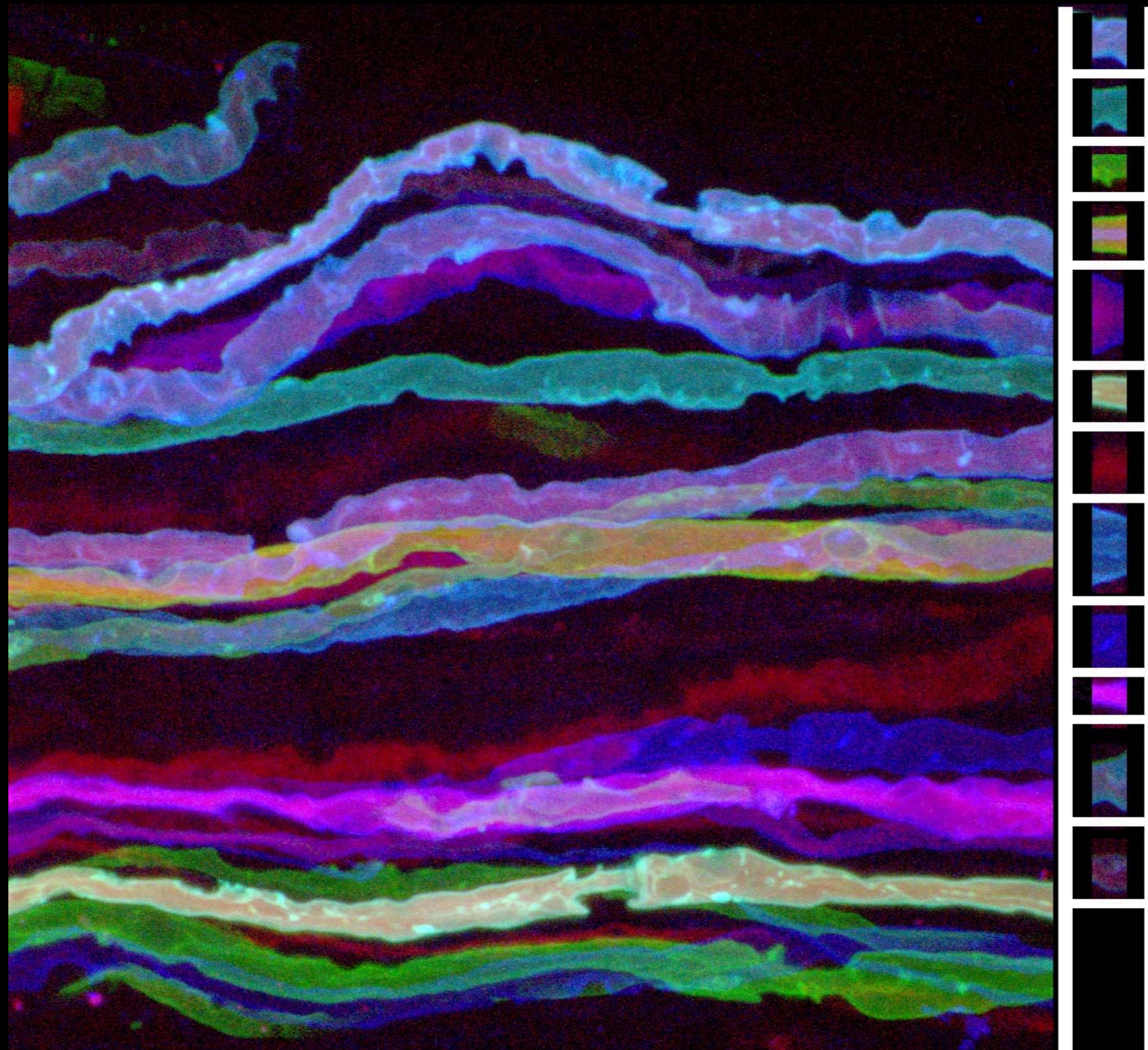


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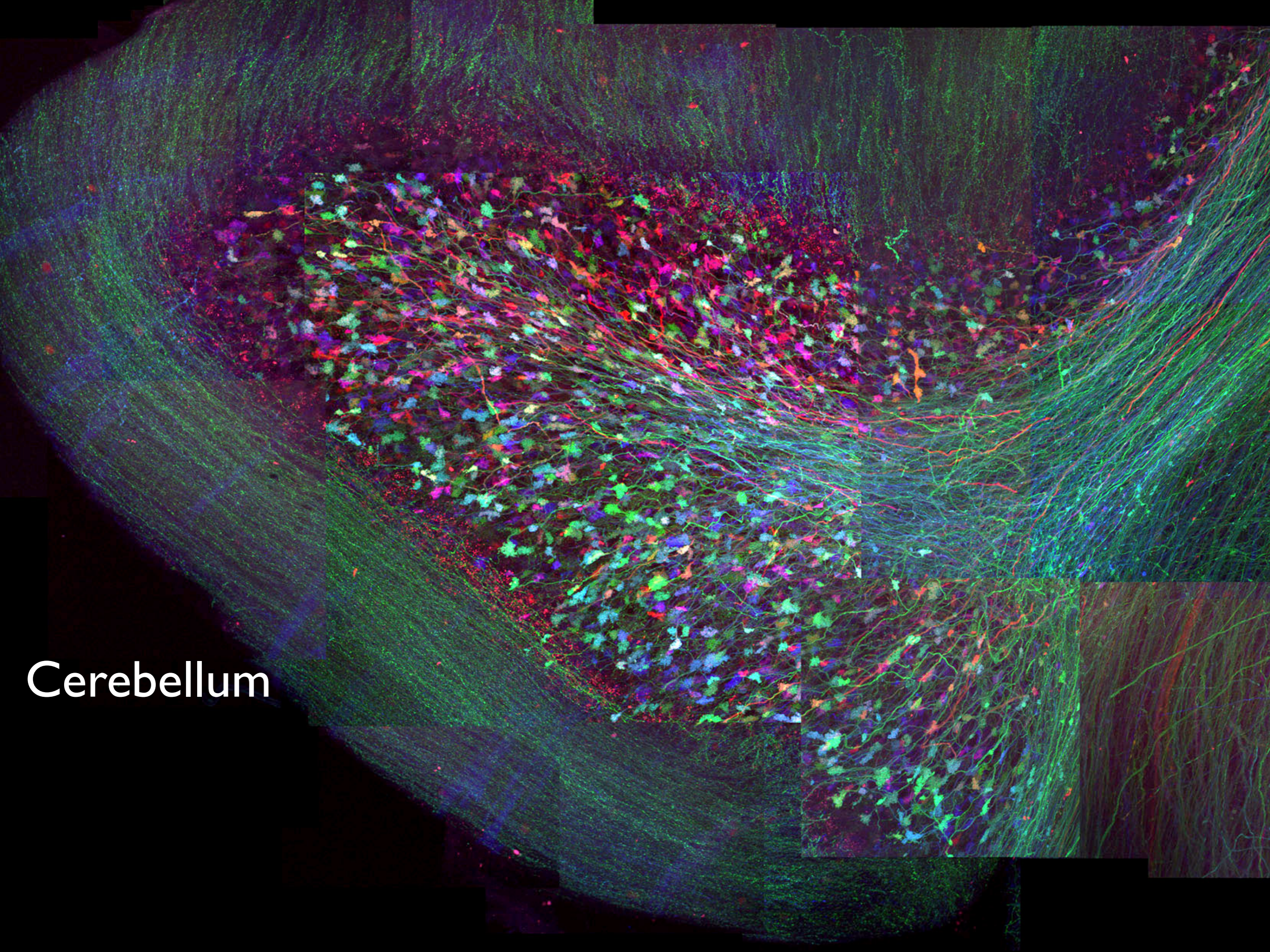


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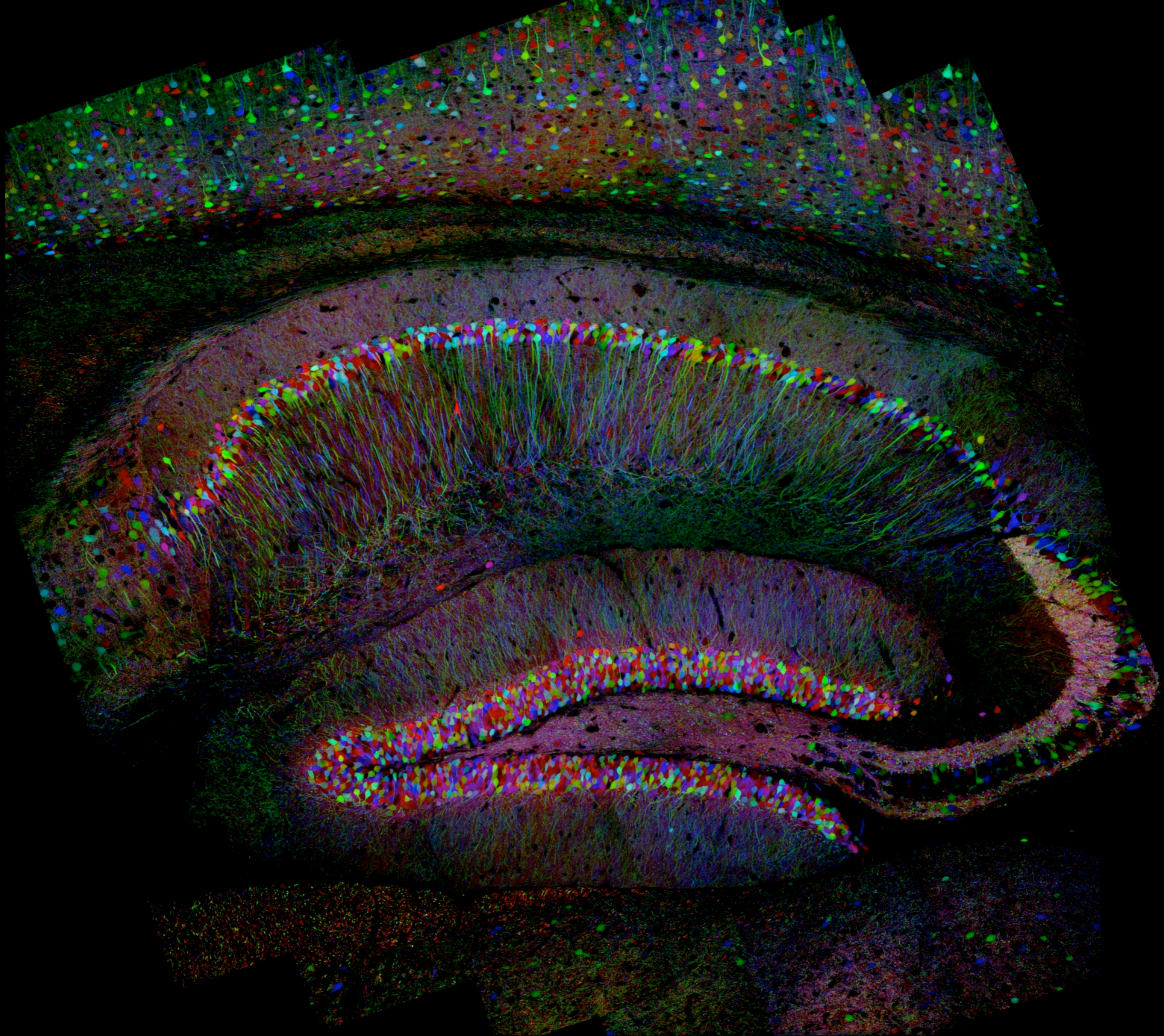
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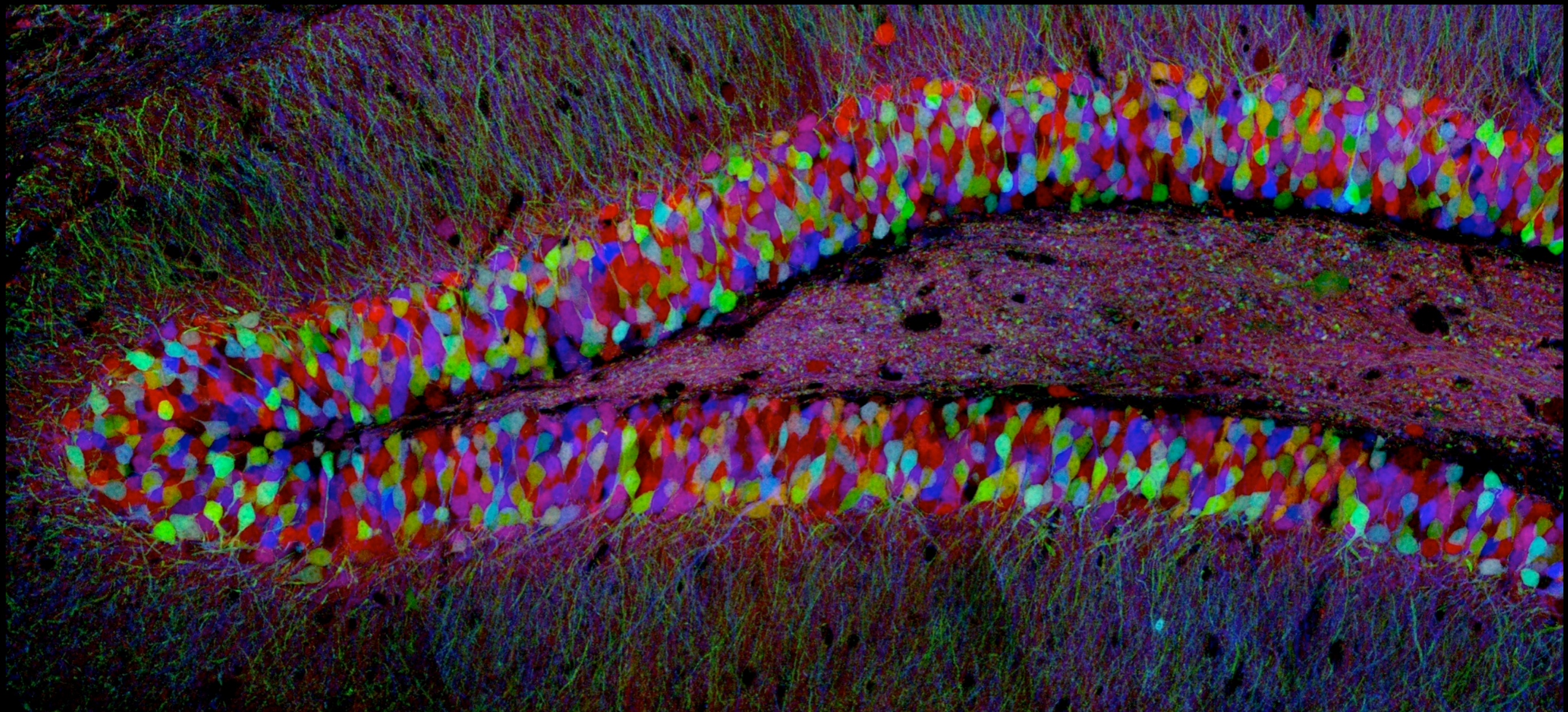


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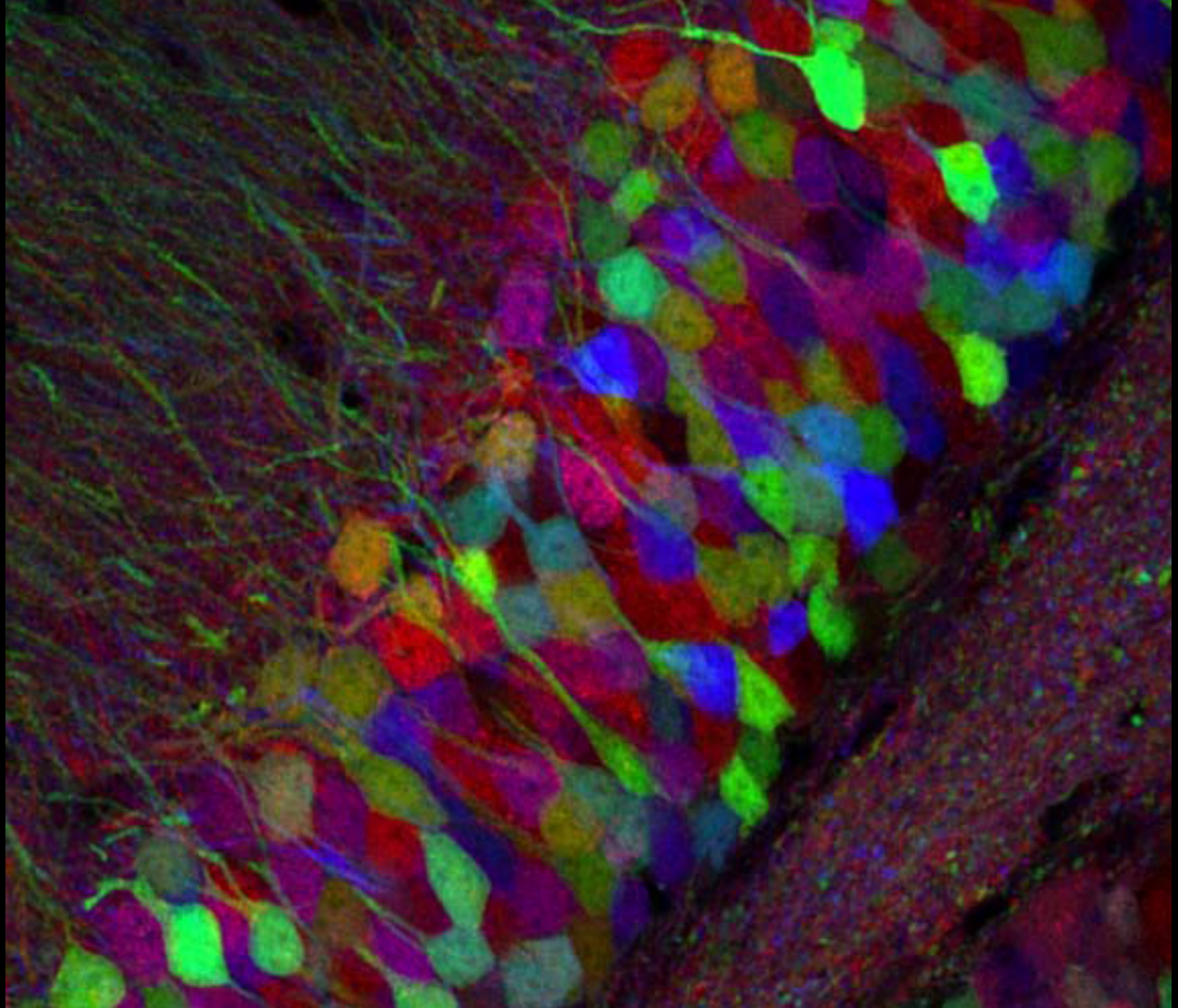


Cerebellum





Hippocampus









Convergent evolution?



# More Information

Won-Ki Jeong

Reconstructing the Brain: Extracting Neural  
Circuitry with CUDA and MPI

Session Id#1075

Friday 4 pm Empire



# The MWA

Outback Supercomputing

# Collaborators

- Harvard Center for Astrophysics
  - Lincoln Greenhill
  - Daniel Mitchell
  - Stephen Ord
  - Randall Wayth
- SEAS
  - Kevin Dale, Richard Edgar
  - Hanspeter Pfister



# The Scientific Challenge

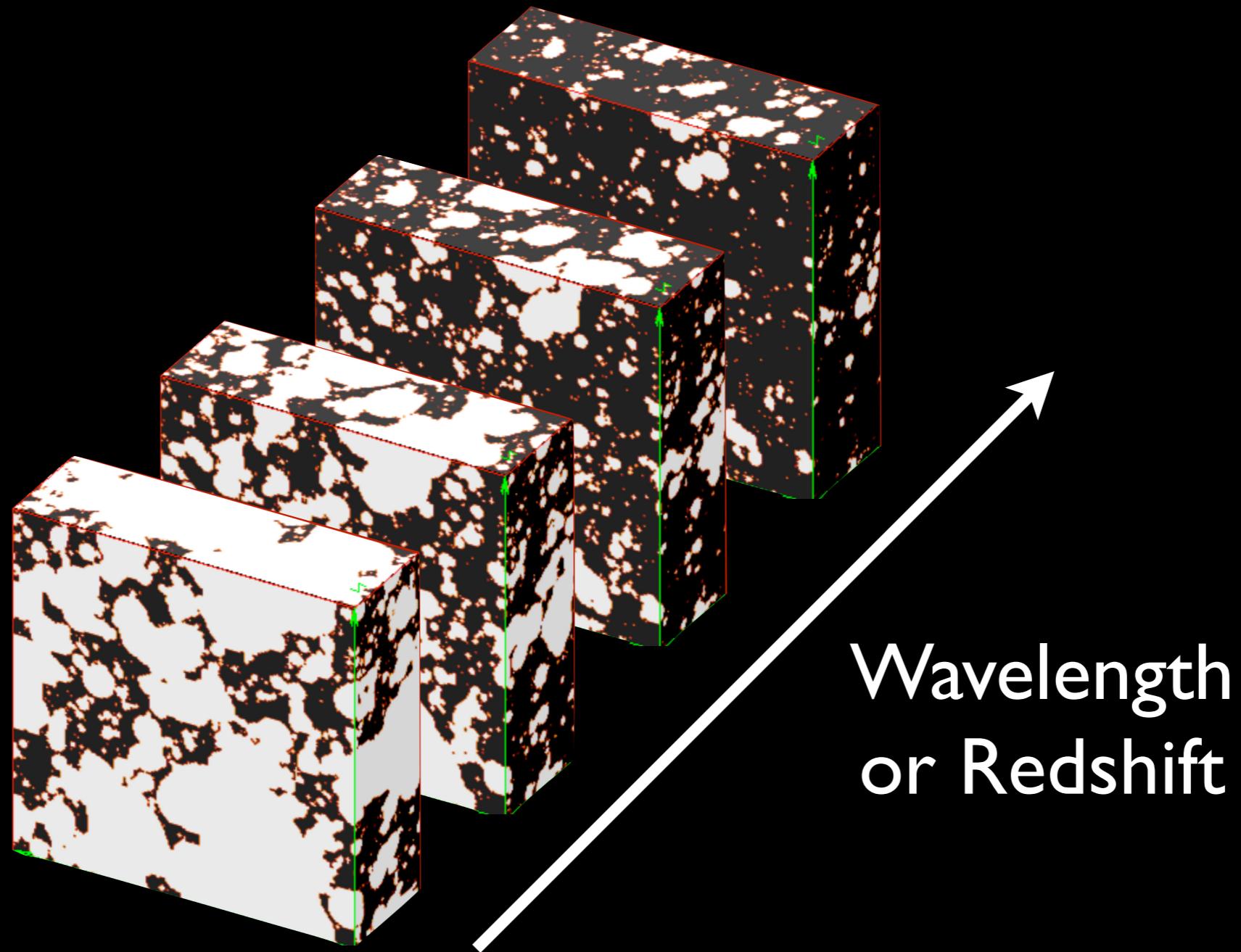
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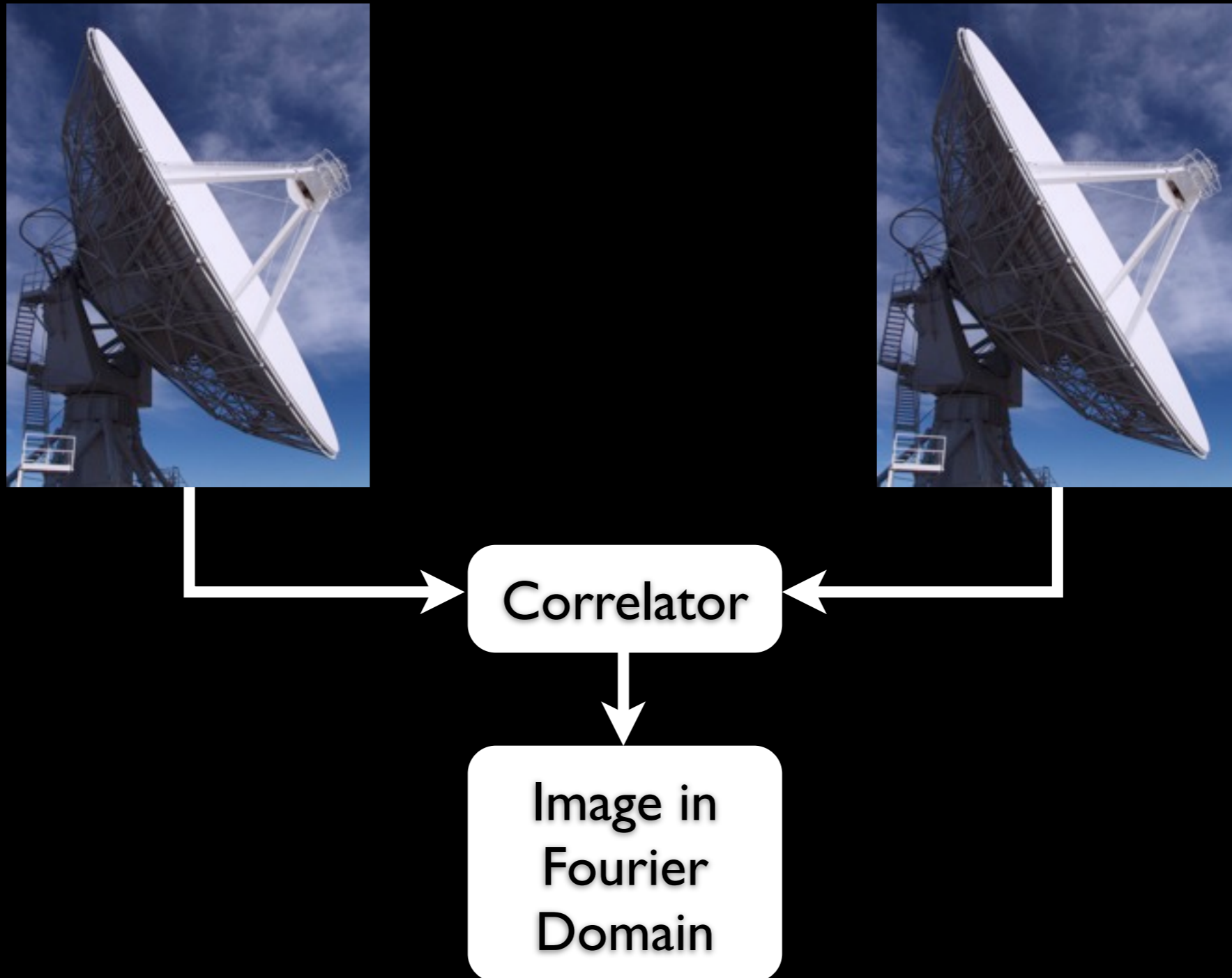
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# 3D Tomography



# Radio Interferometry





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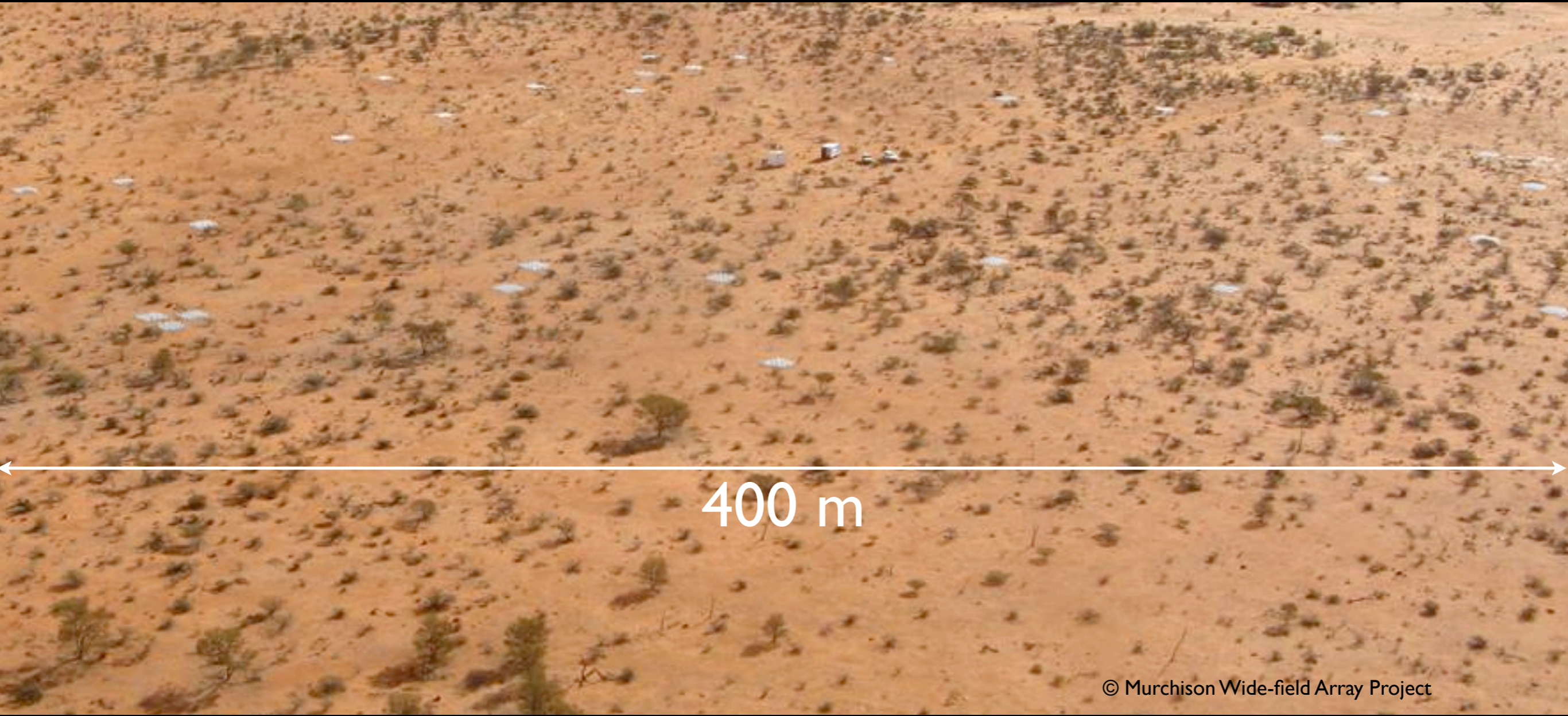
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# MWA

- 32 antenna prototype
- Eventually 512 antennas on 1 km<sup>2</sup>



Nowhere (Middle of)  
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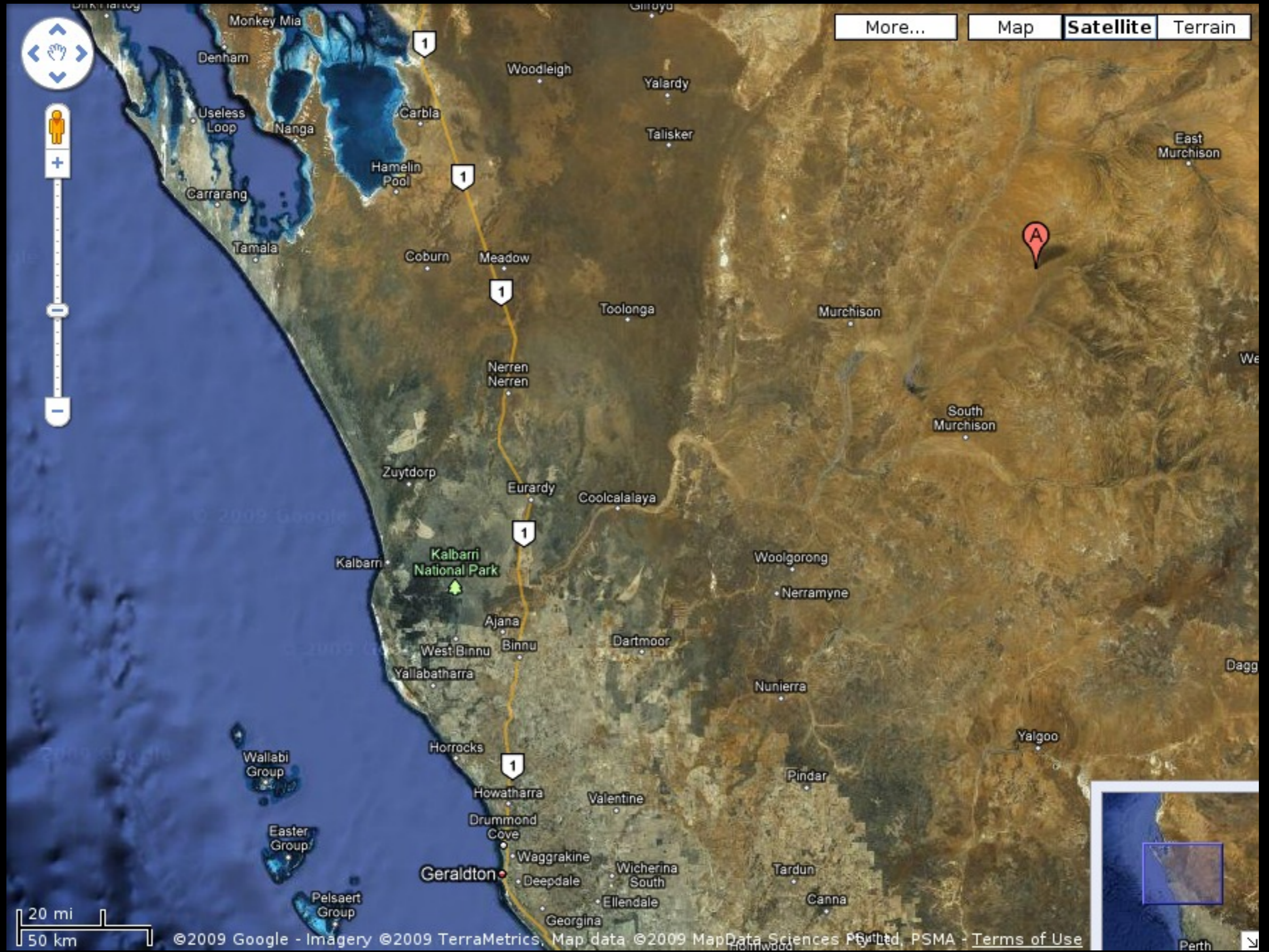
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# Outback Computing

- Max. ambient on site: 50° C / 122° F



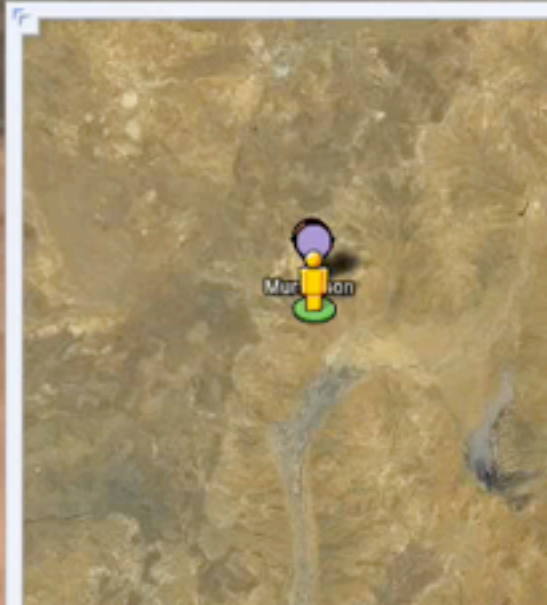


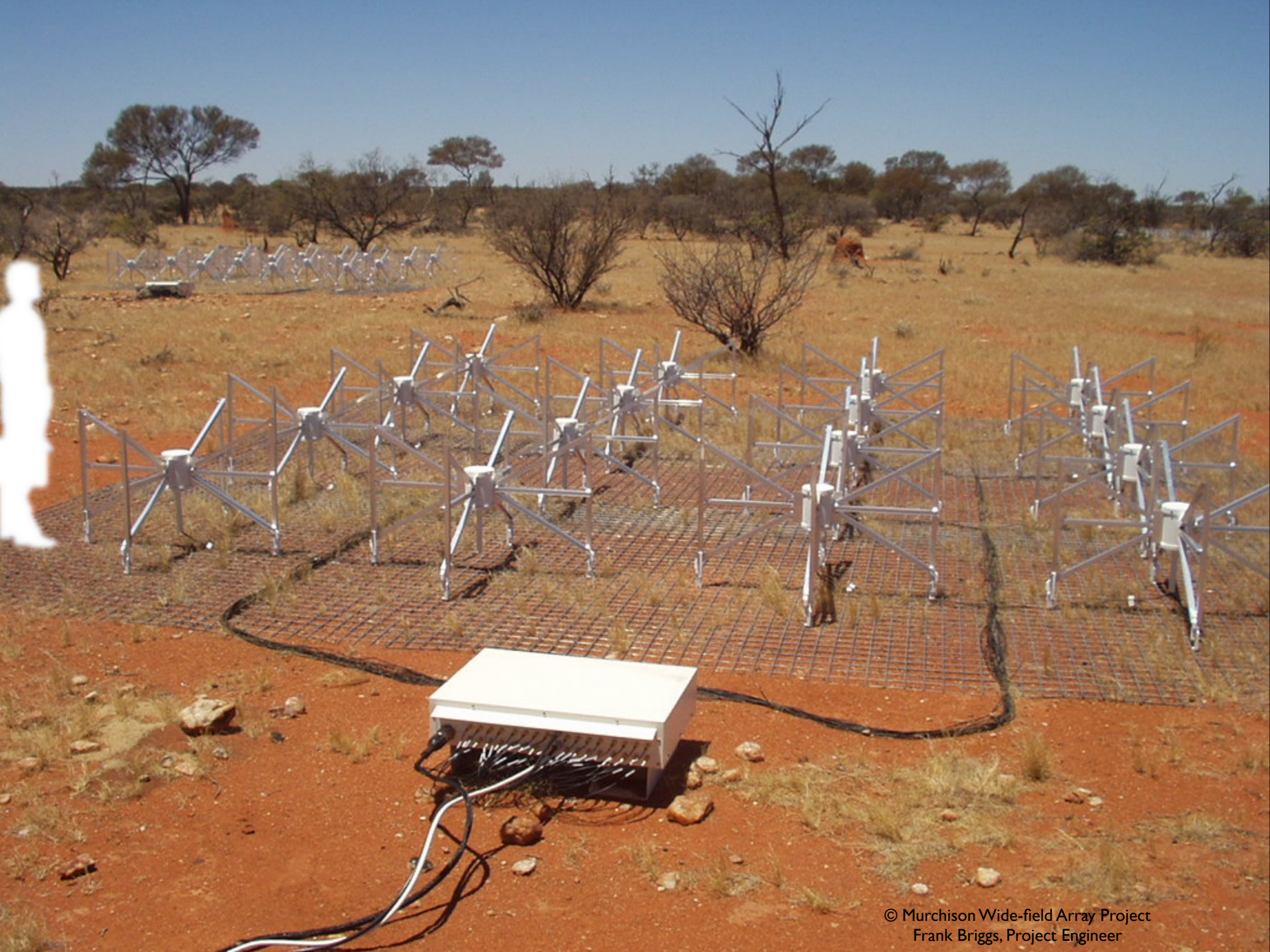


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Mullewa Carnarvon Rd







# Nervous System



# Supercomputing Center



Who is  
the GPU  
expert?



Who is  
the GPU  
expert?

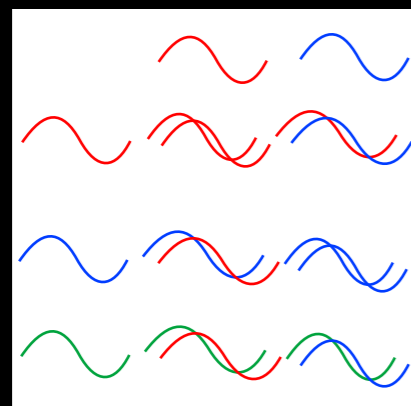


Mitch

# Life Support



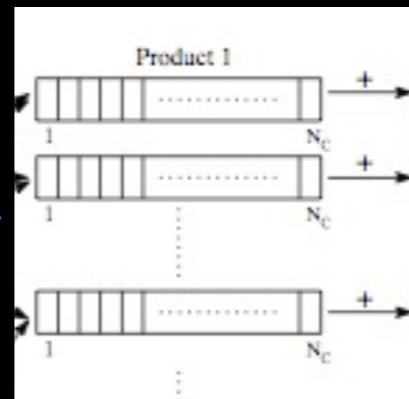
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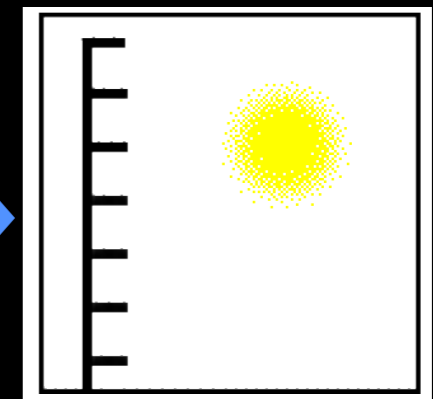
Correlator



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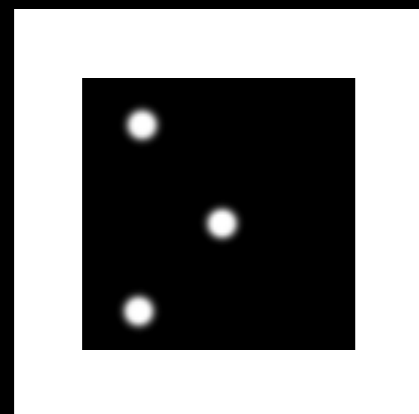
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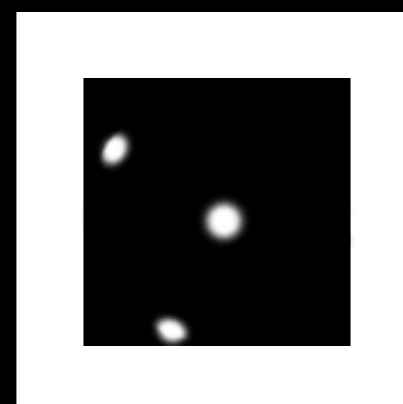
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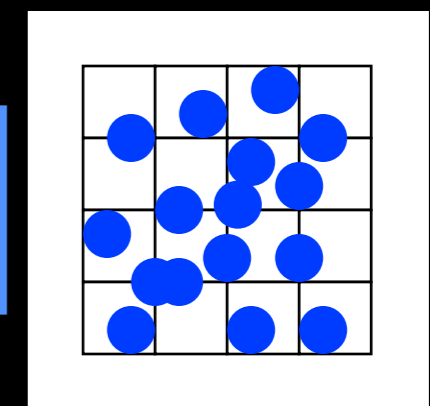
Image



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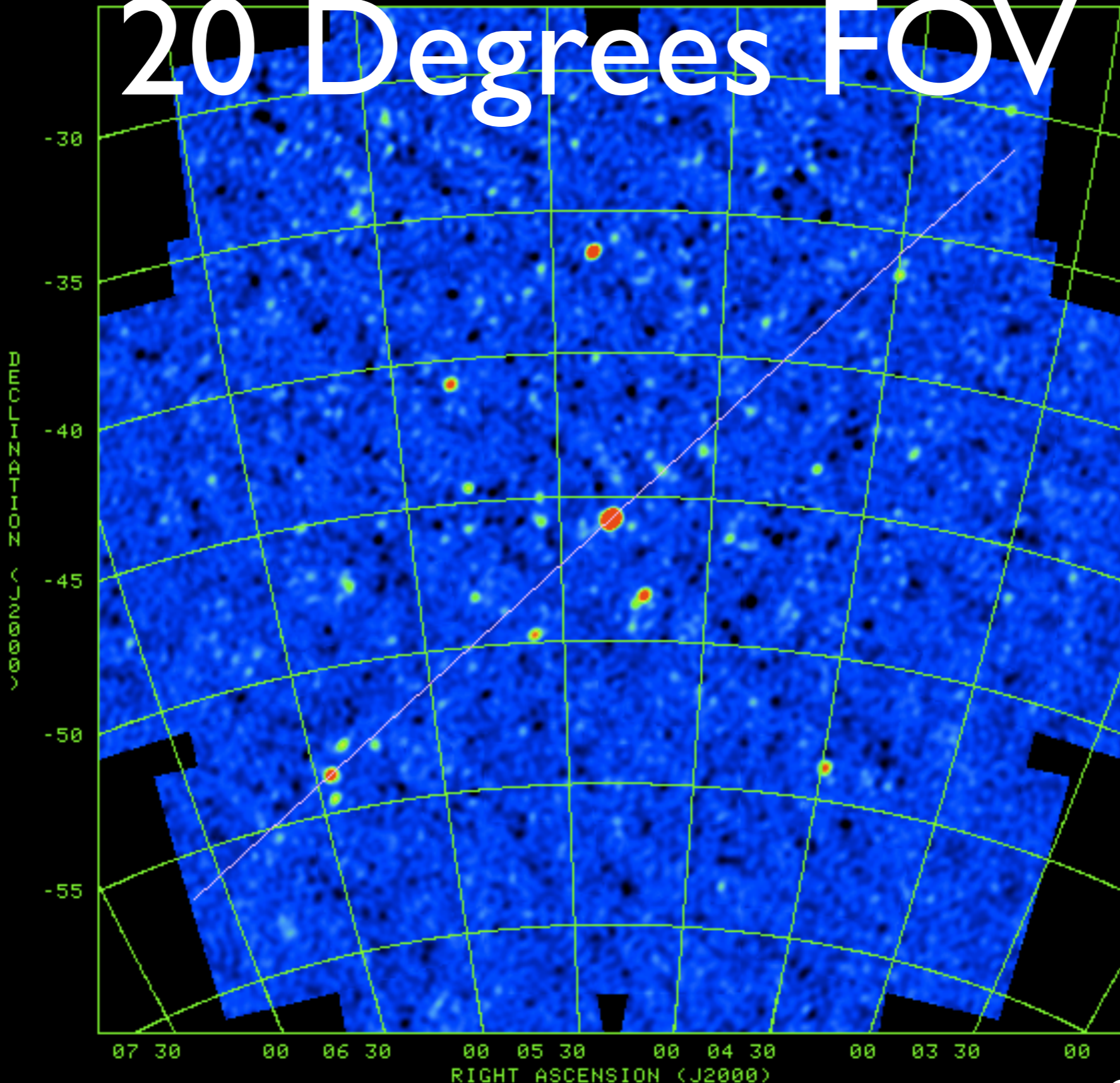


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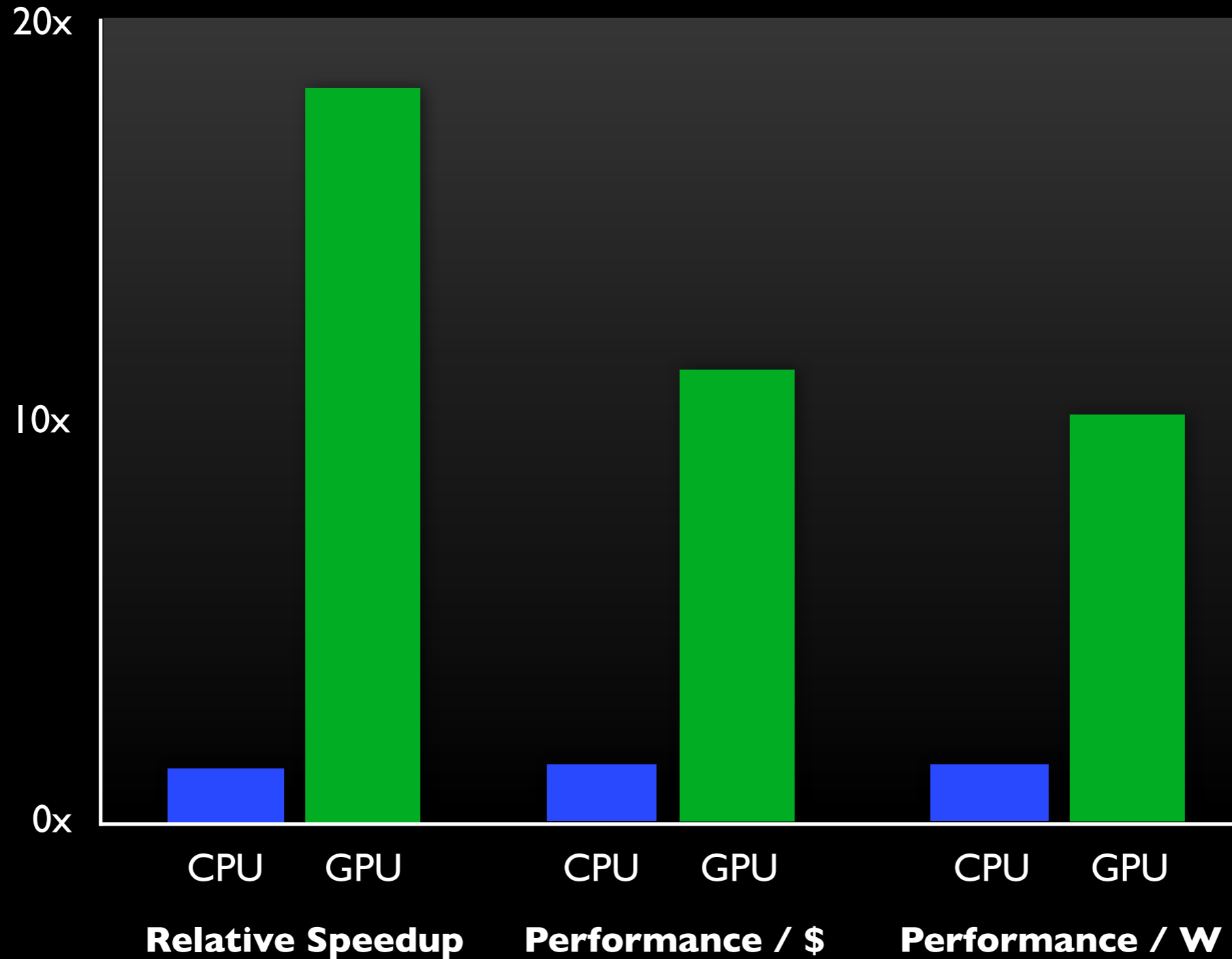
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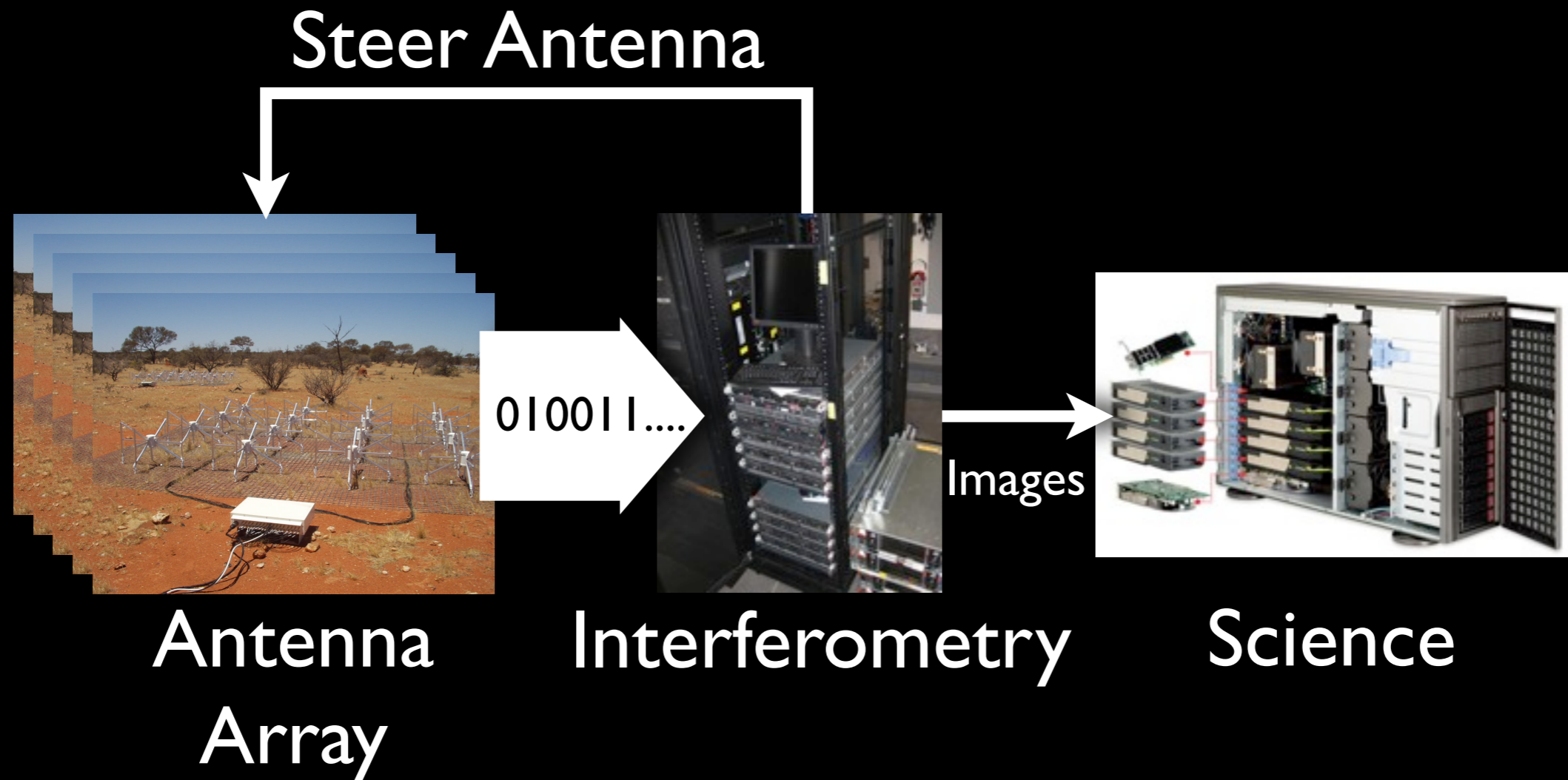
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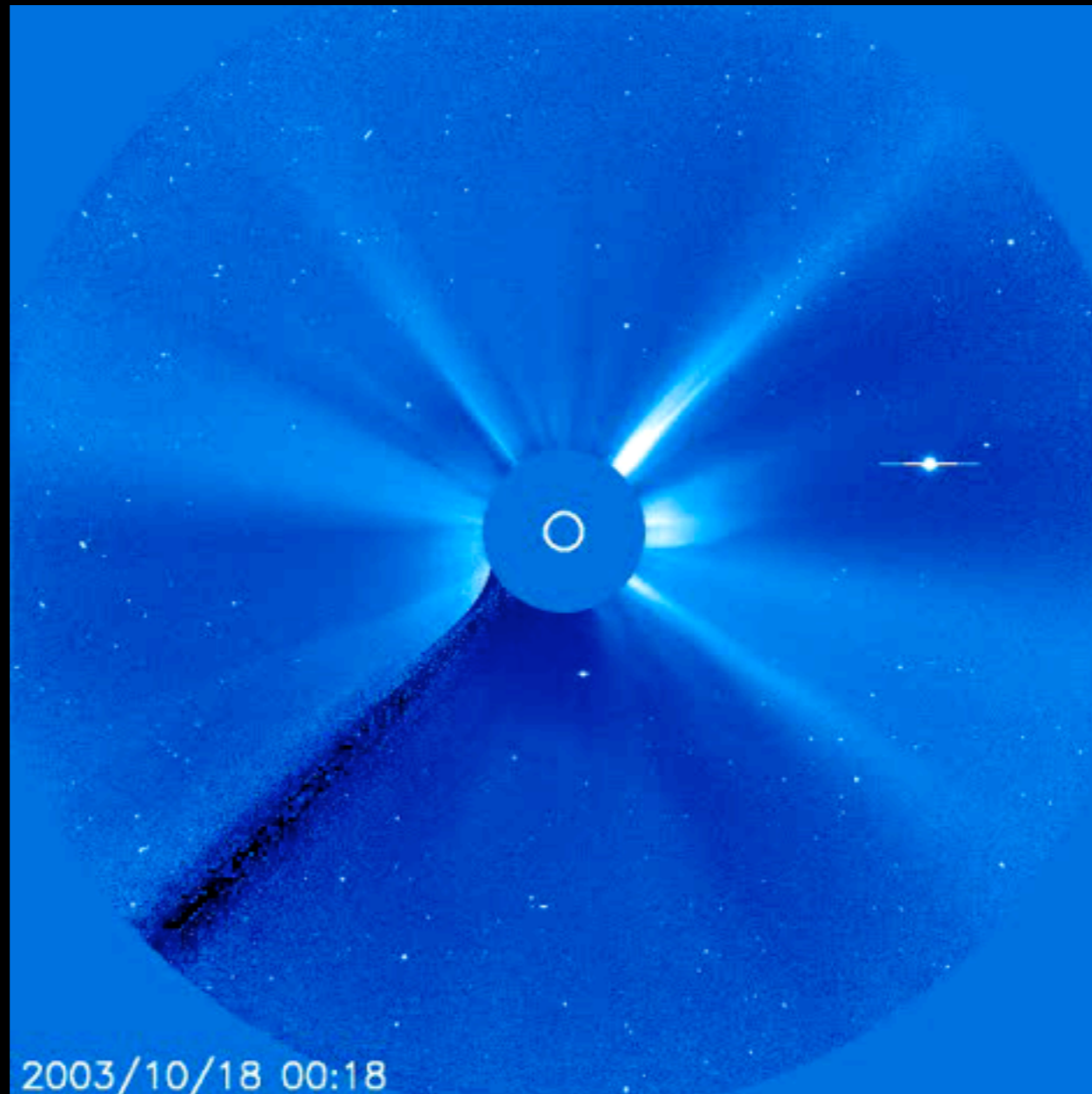


# High-Throughput Radio Astronomy



# Real-Time Steering

- Predict solar flares and coronal mass ejections

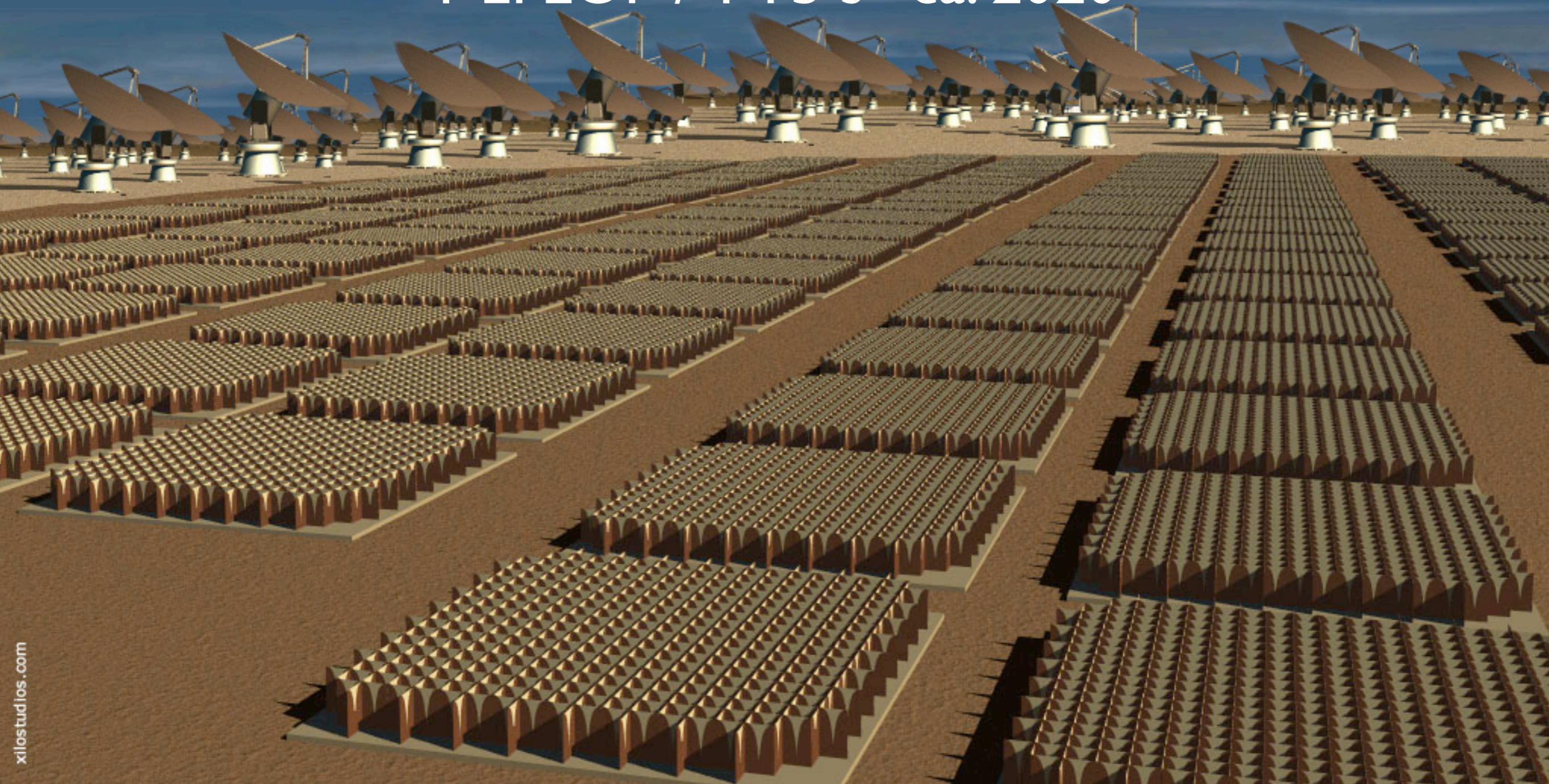


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# The Future

Square Kilometer Array  
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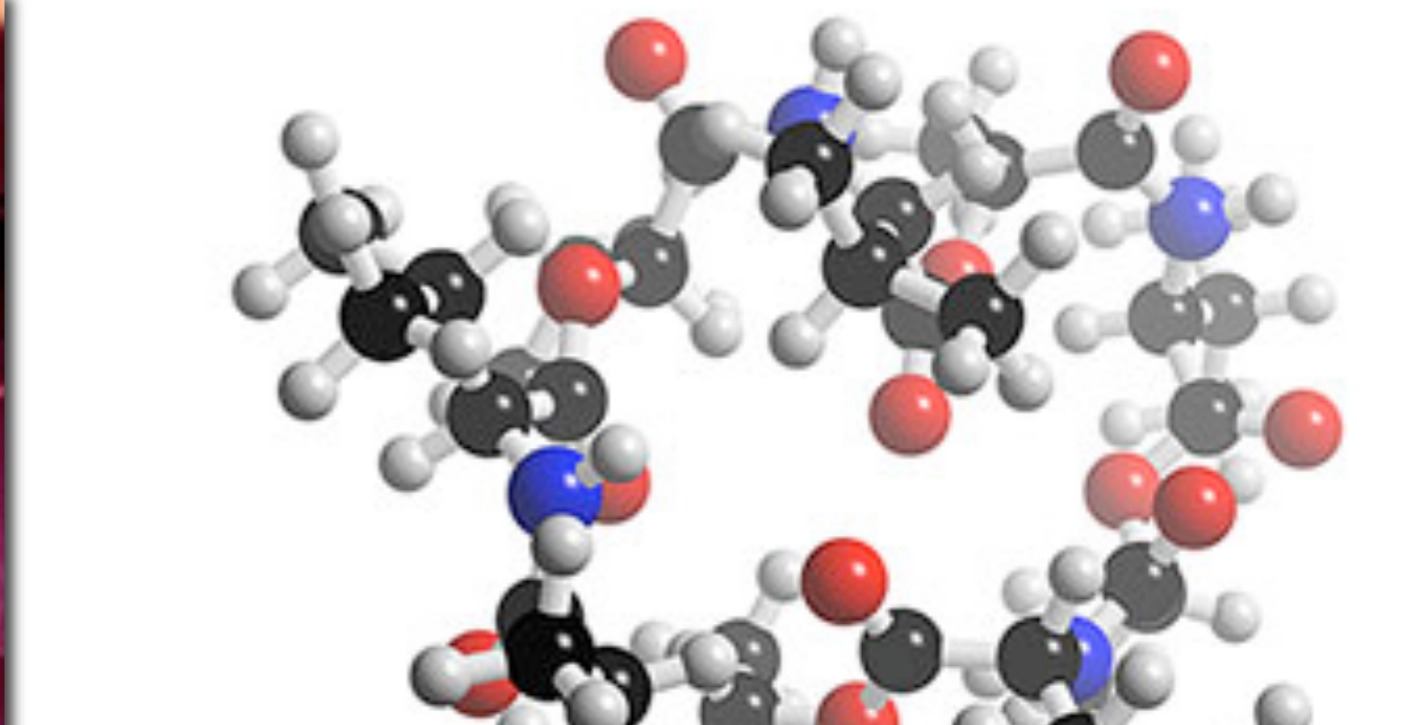
# More Information

Richard Edgar

Diesel-Powered GPU Computing: Enabling a  
Real-Time Radio Telescope in the Australian  
Outback

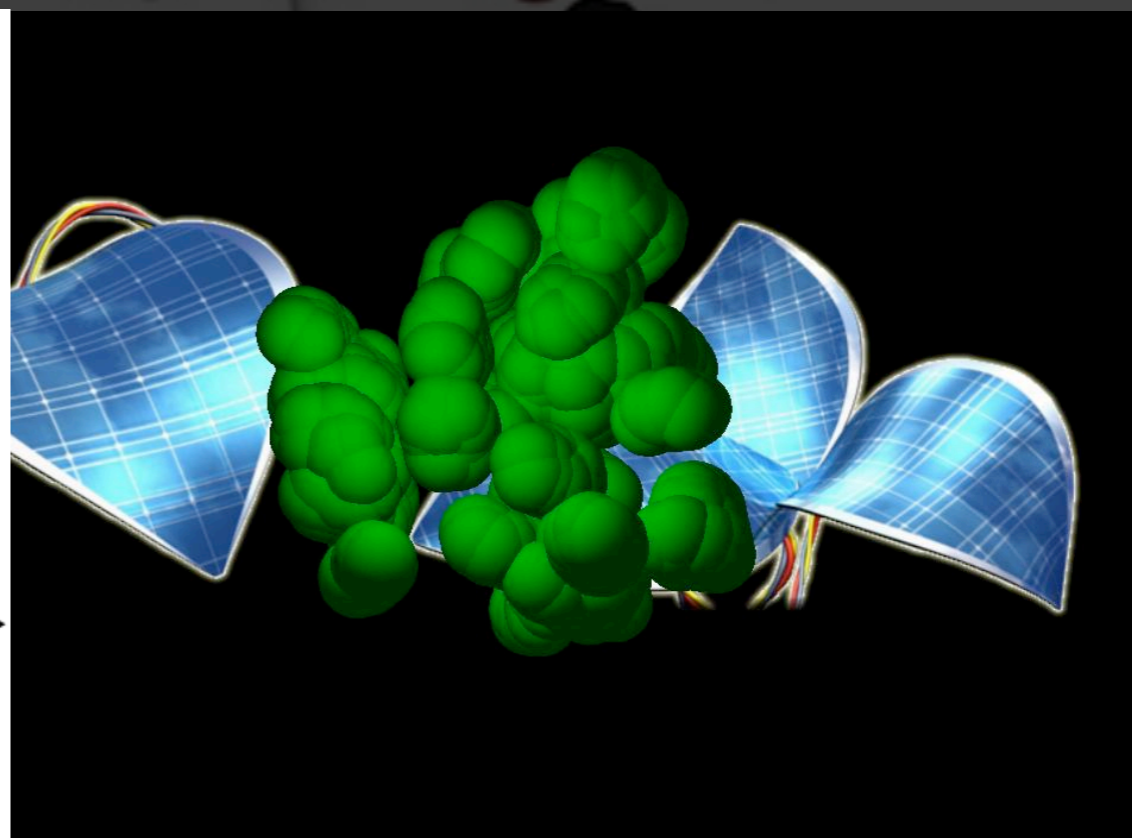
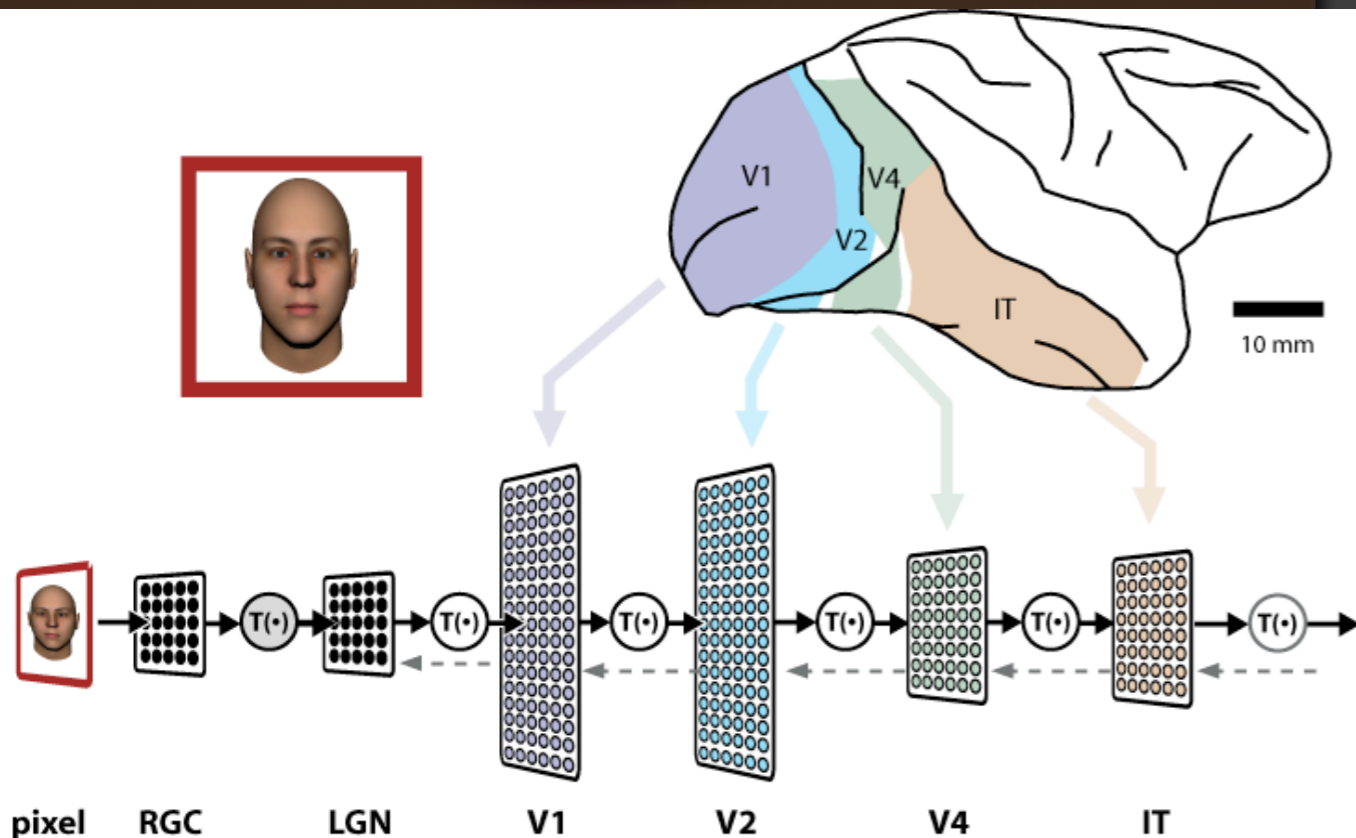
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# Simulations

From quantum chemistry to physics



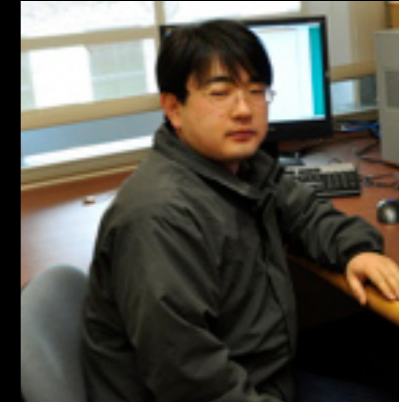
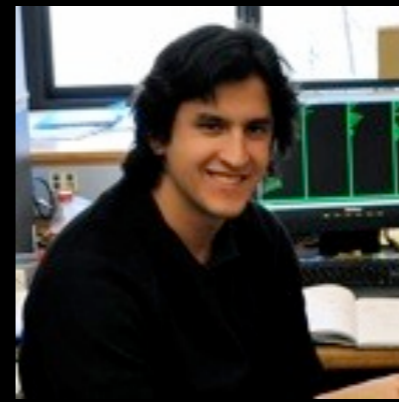
The Clean Energy Project

Progress: 1.45%



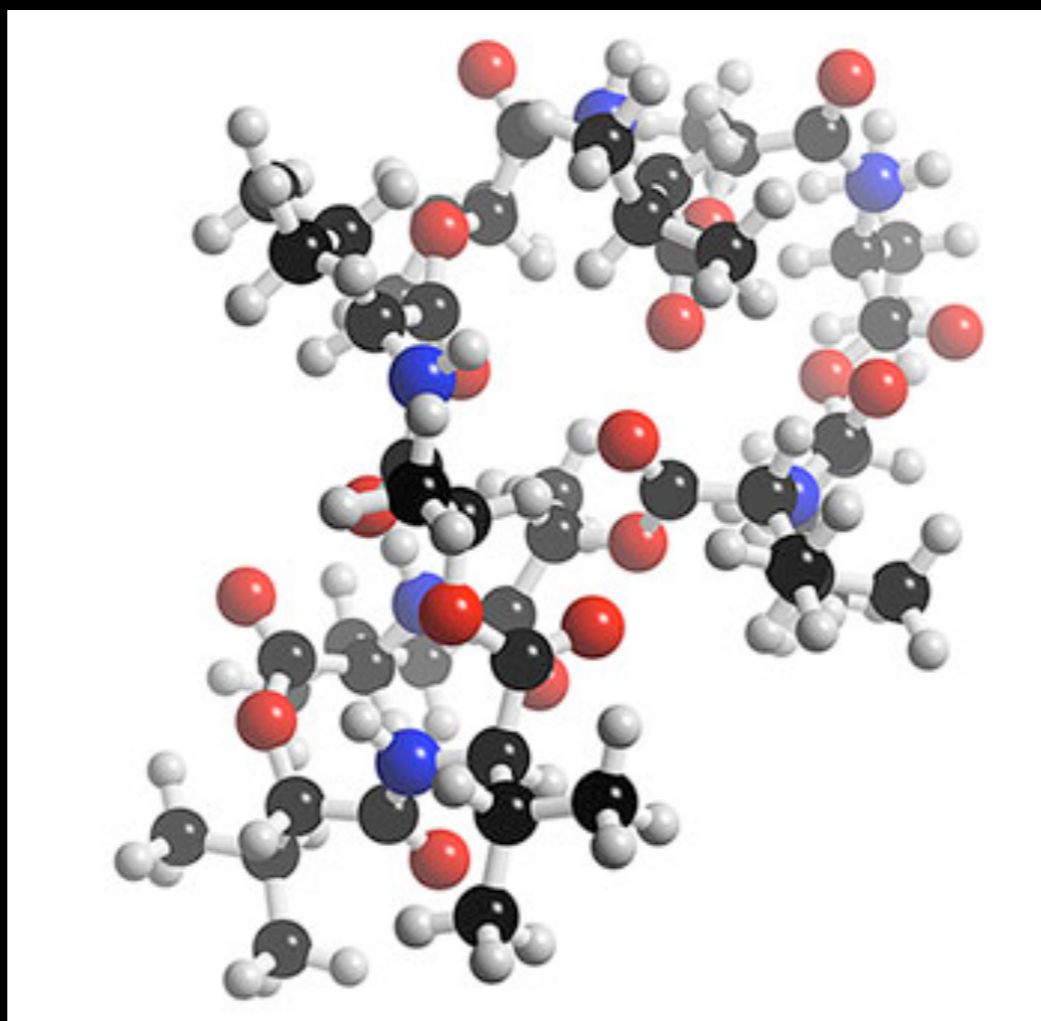
# Quantum Chemistry

- Alan Aspuru-Guzik
- Mark Watson
- Richard Edgar
- Kenta Hongo
- Roberto Olivares
- Leslie Vogt
- Sean Kermes

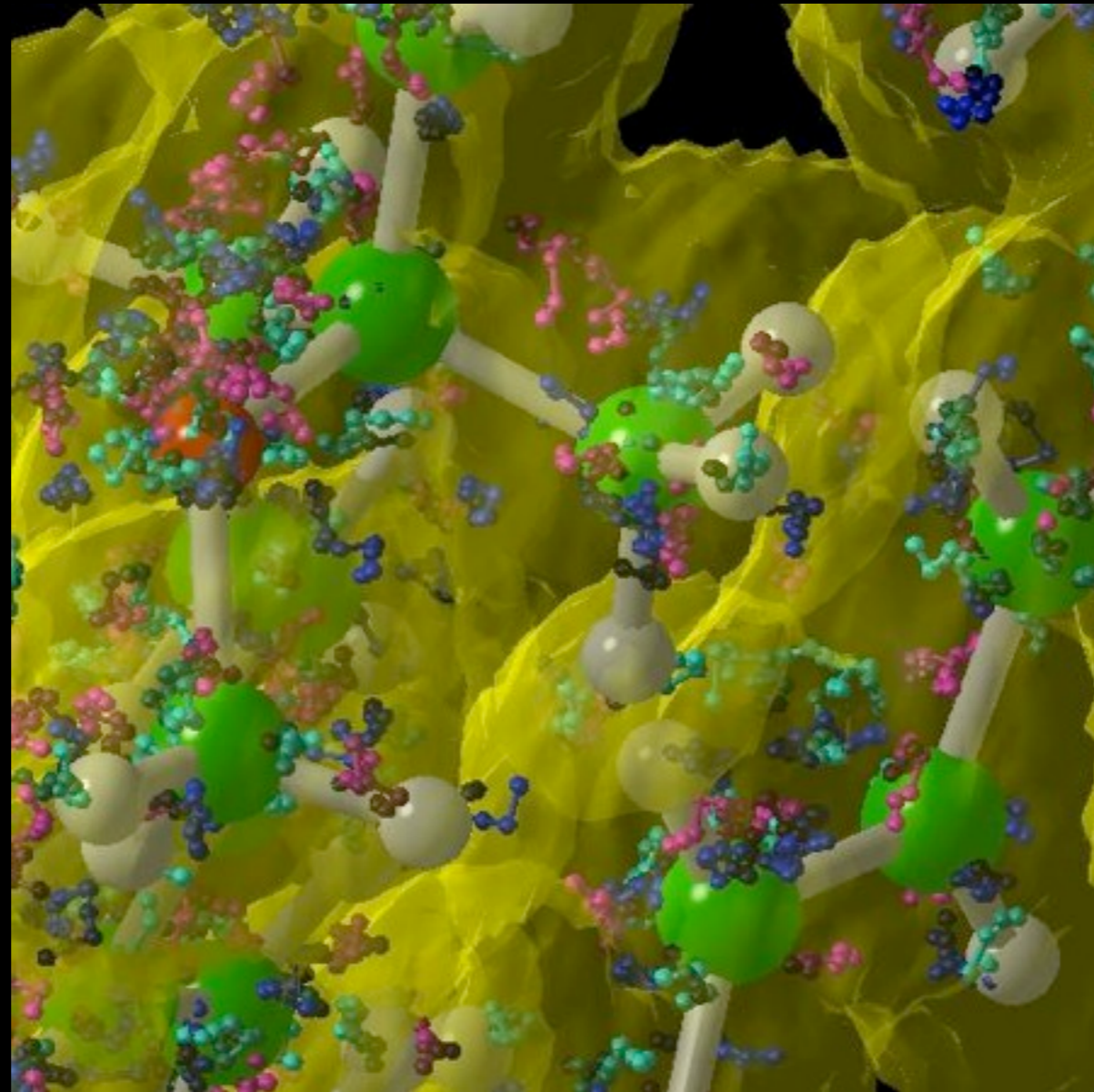


# The Scientific Challenge

- Determine properties of organic molecules



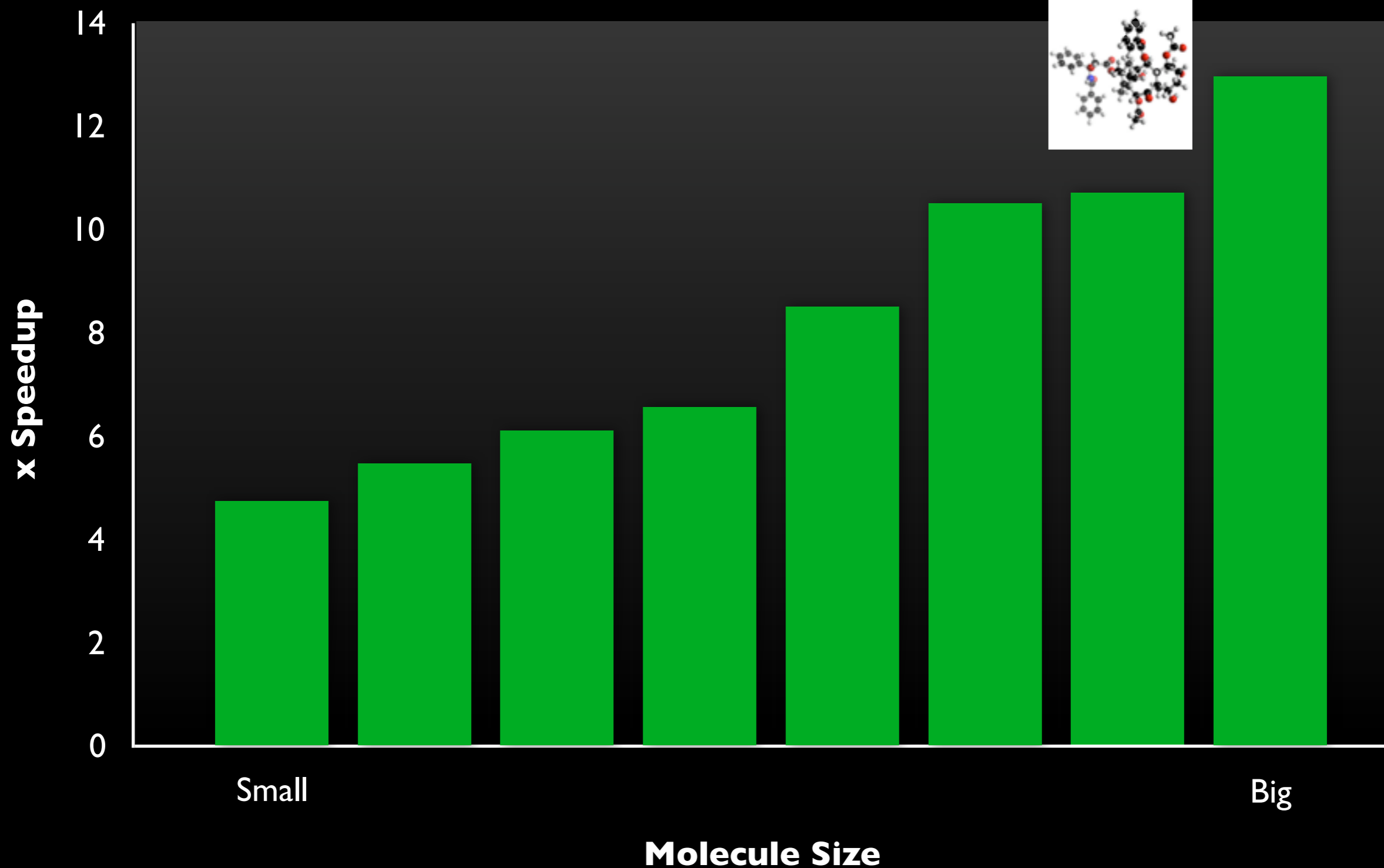
# Quantum Many-Body Problems





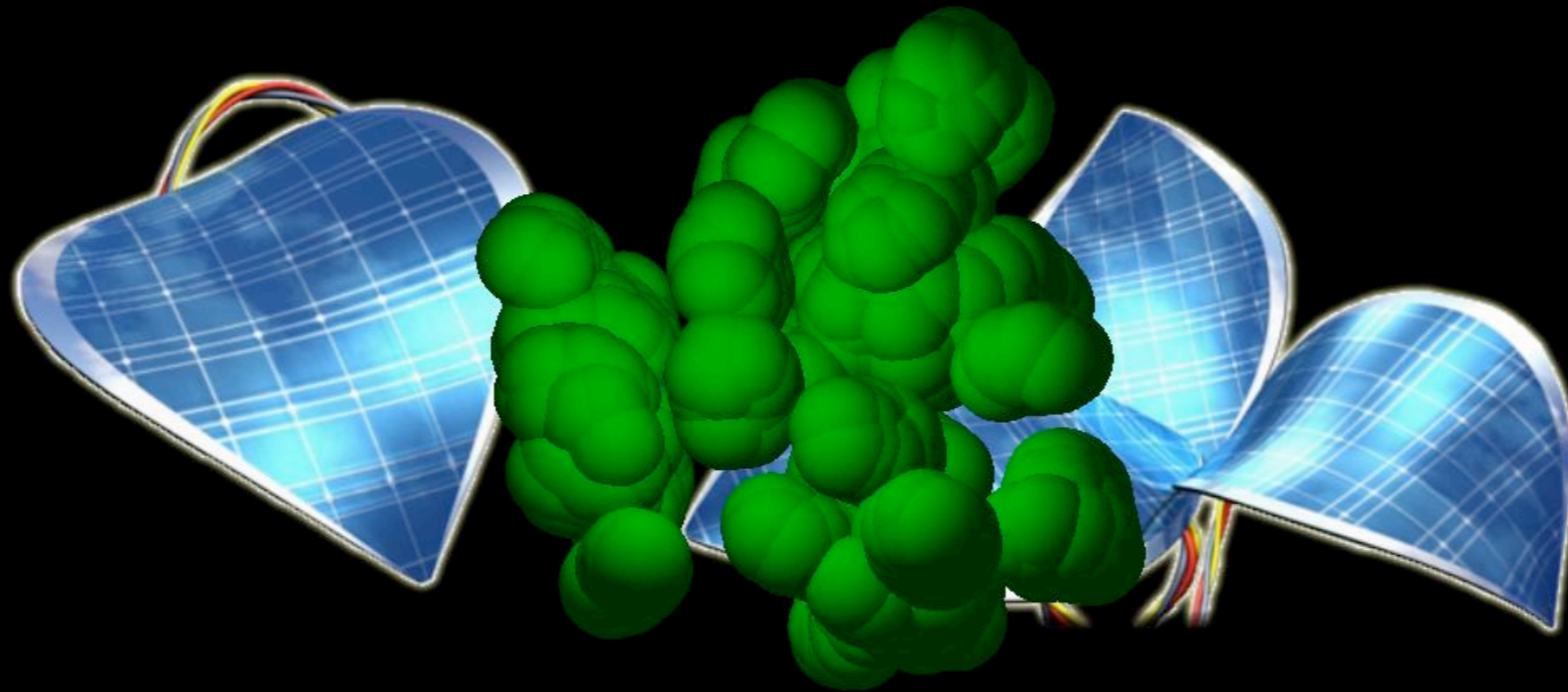
# Results

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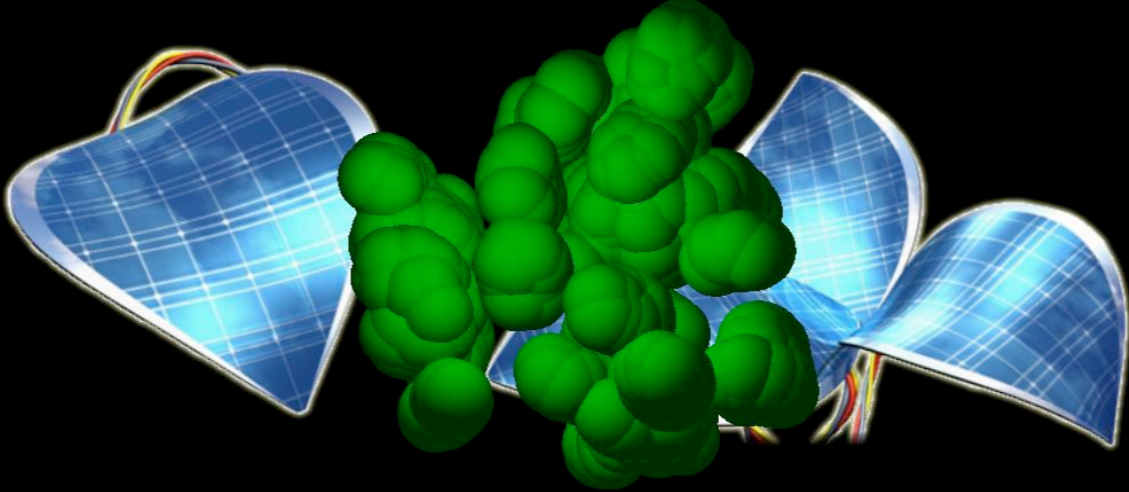


# The Future

- Improve organic photovoltaic materials




# Volunteer Computing




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world community grid.  
technology solving problems

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The image shows a central 3D visualization of a molecular structure, likely a protein or enzyme, rendered in green spheres. It is surrounded by several blue, grid-like structures that resemble solar panels or energy grids, suggesting a connection to clean energy. The entire scene is set against a dark background. The right side of the image is a dark blue vertical panel containing the project title, a progress bar showing 1.45%, and logos for World Community Grid, IBM, and the Chemistry Chemical Biology department.

# Relevant Talk

David Anderson

Volunteer Computing for GPUs: Petaflops  
for Free

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# Visual Neuroscience

- David Cox, The Rowland Institute at Harvard



- Nicolas Pinto, MIT

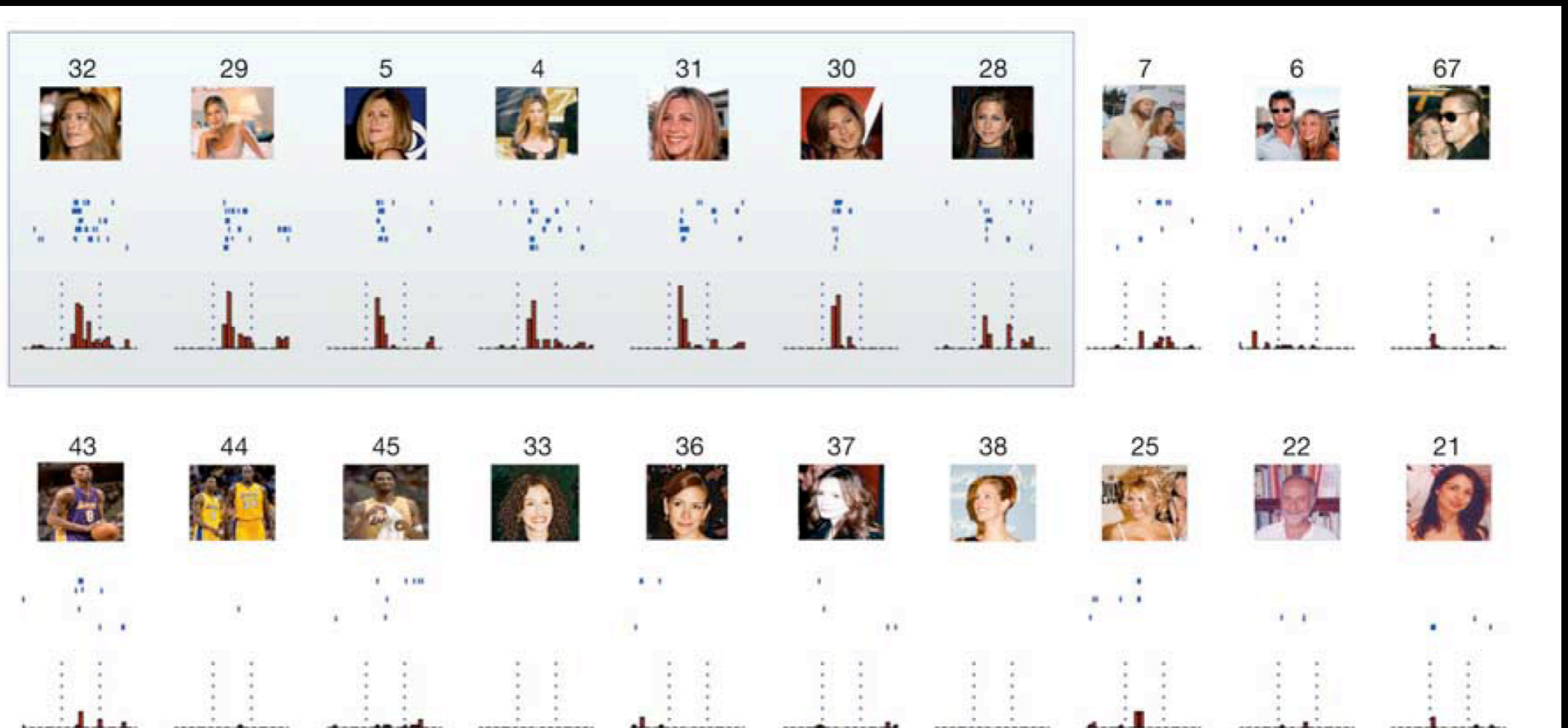


- Jim DiCarlo, MIT



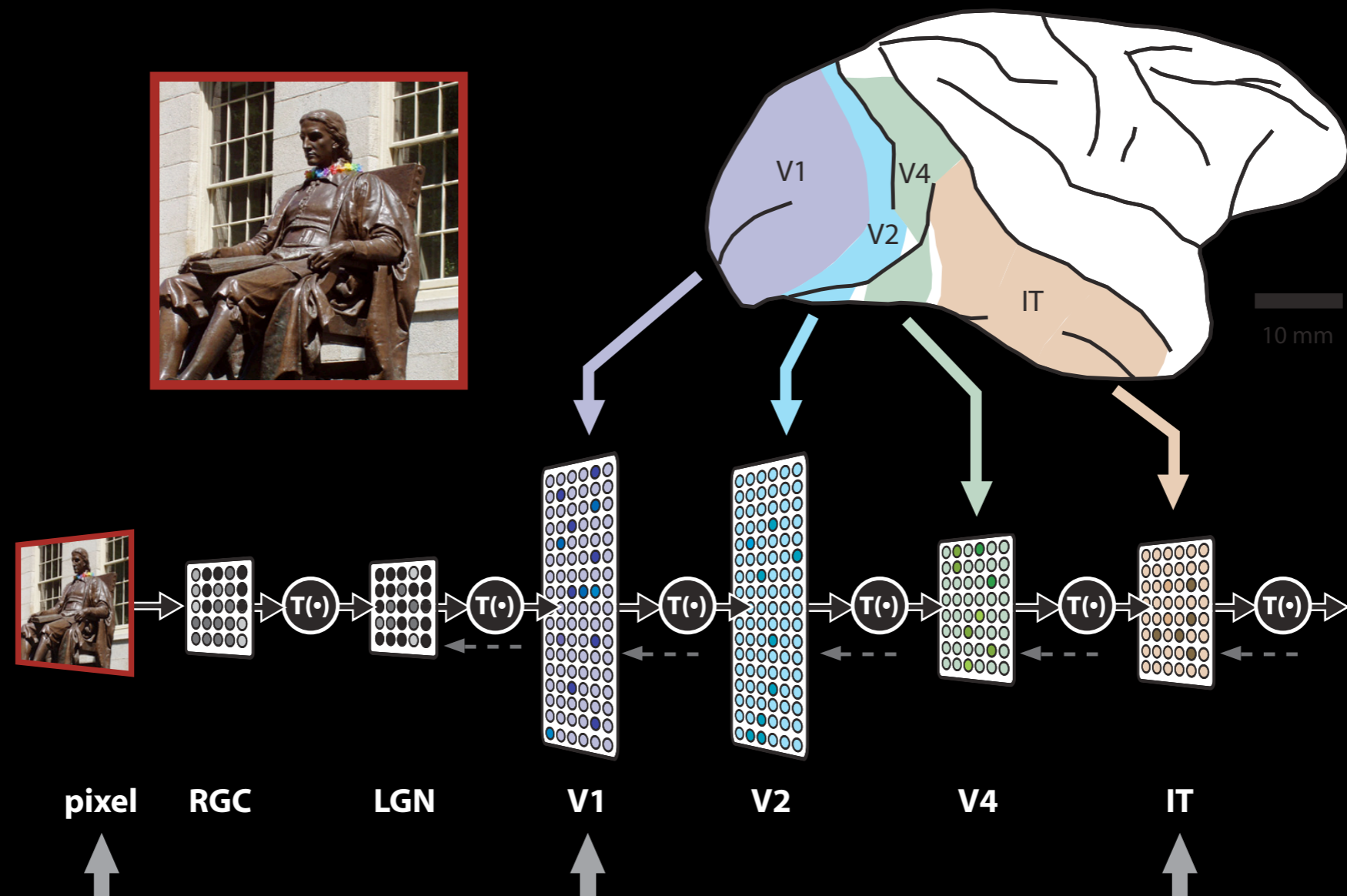
# The Scientific Challenge

- How does the brain perform object recognition?



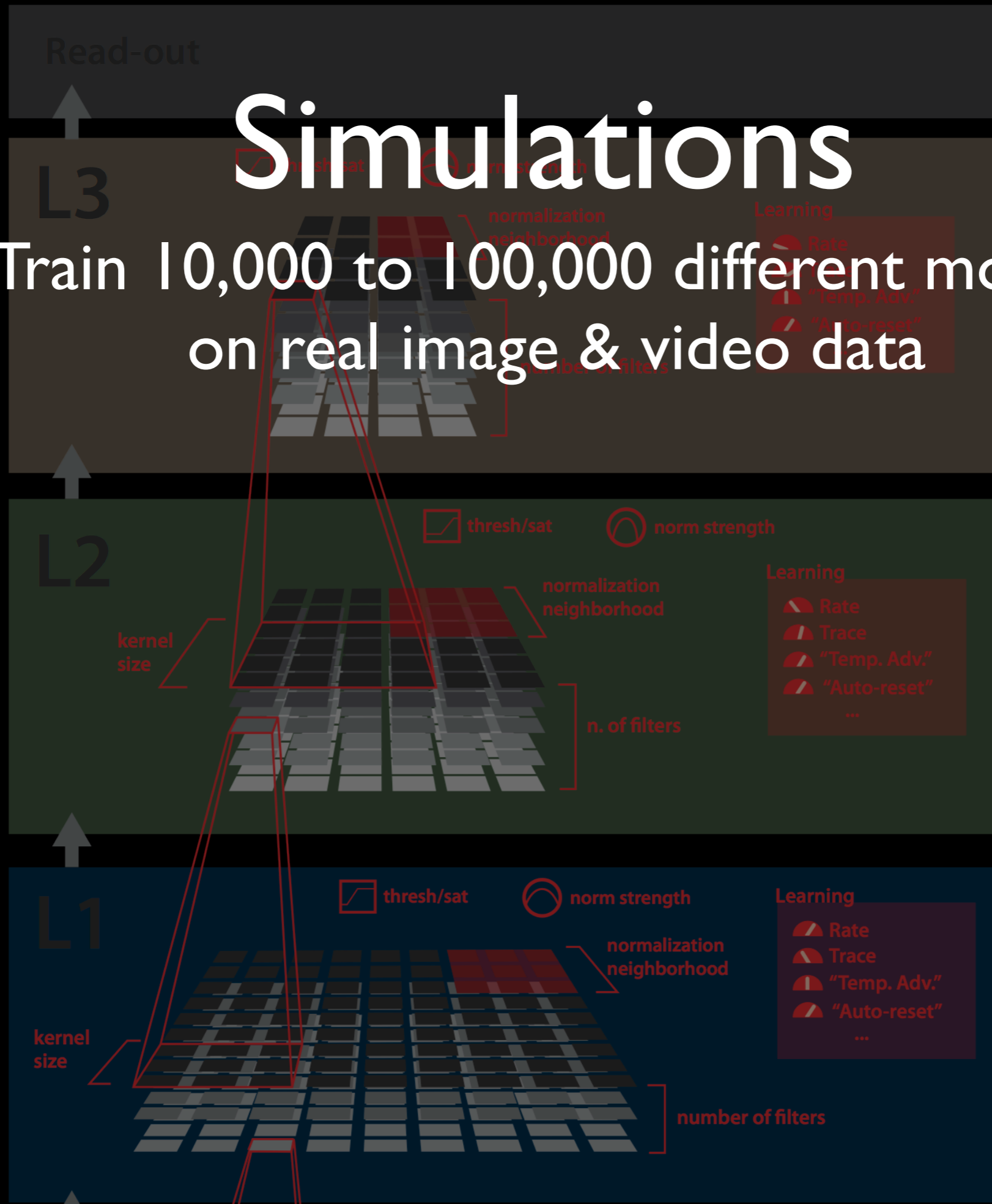
# The Scientific Challenge

- What are good models of the human visual system, and what are their parameters?



# Simulations

Train 10,000 to 100,000 different models on real image & video data

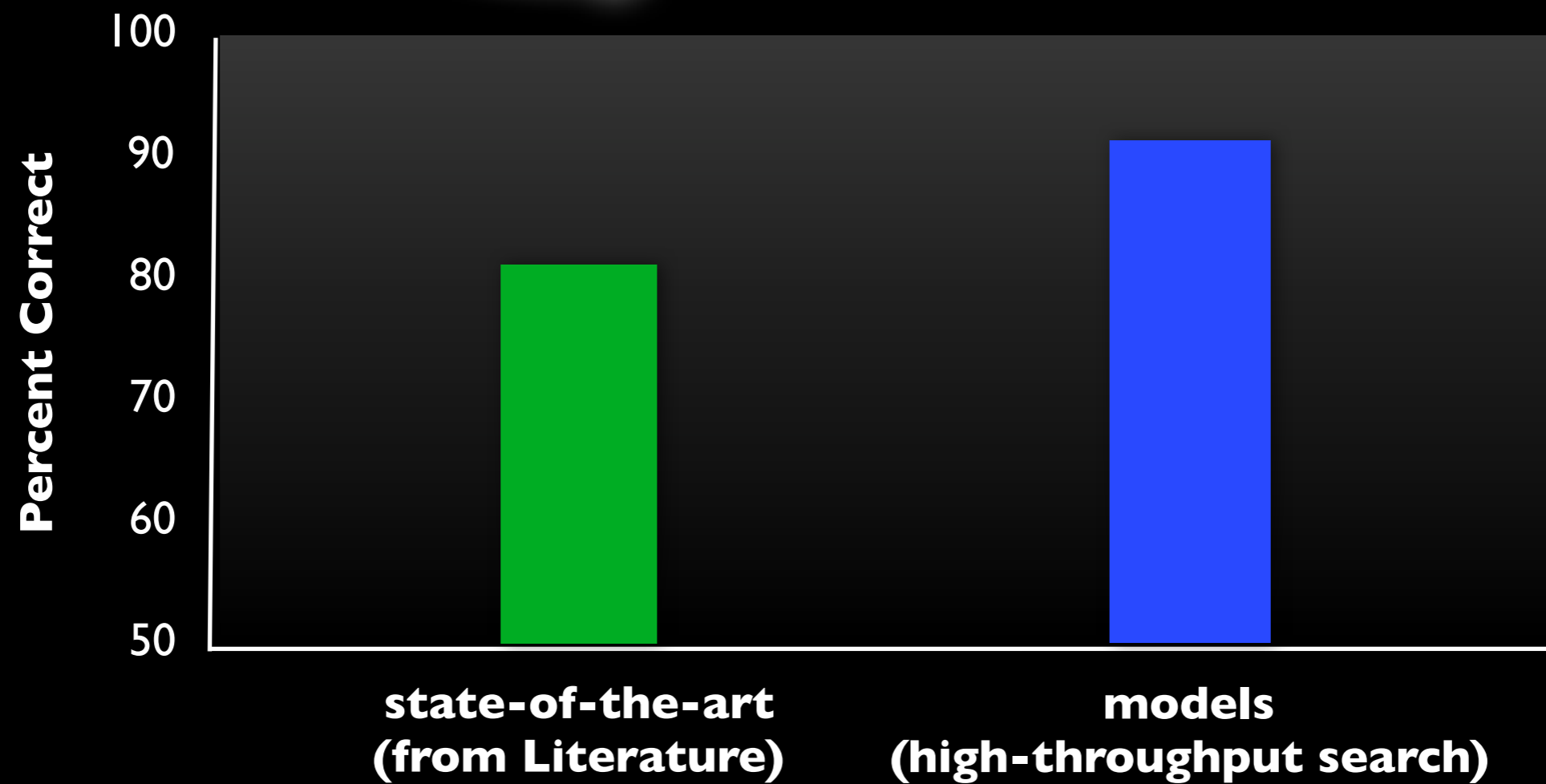




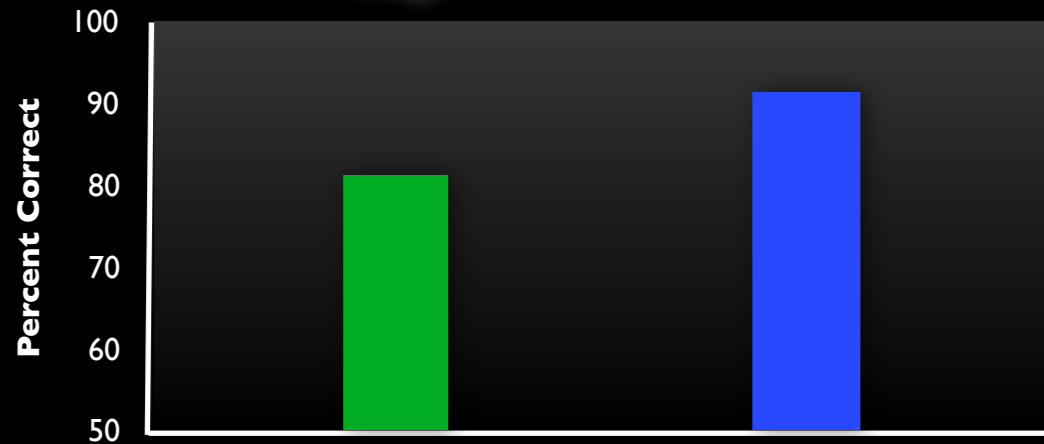
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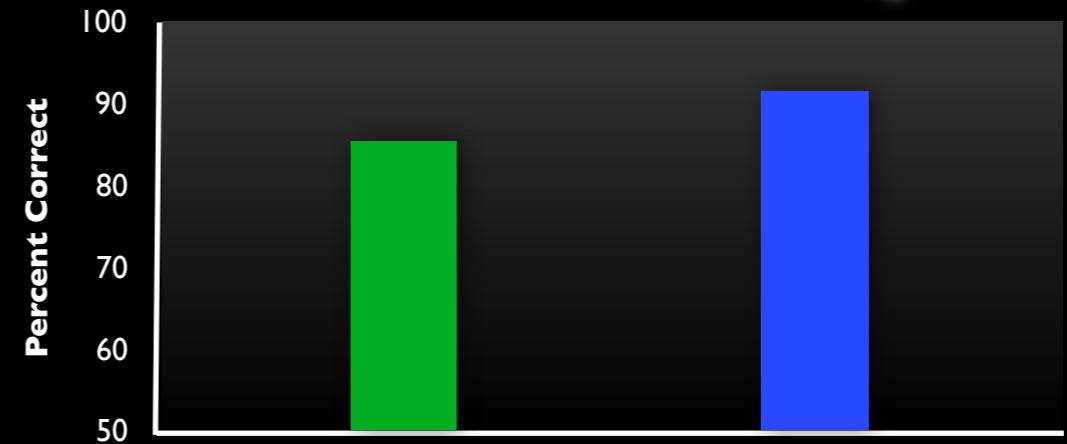


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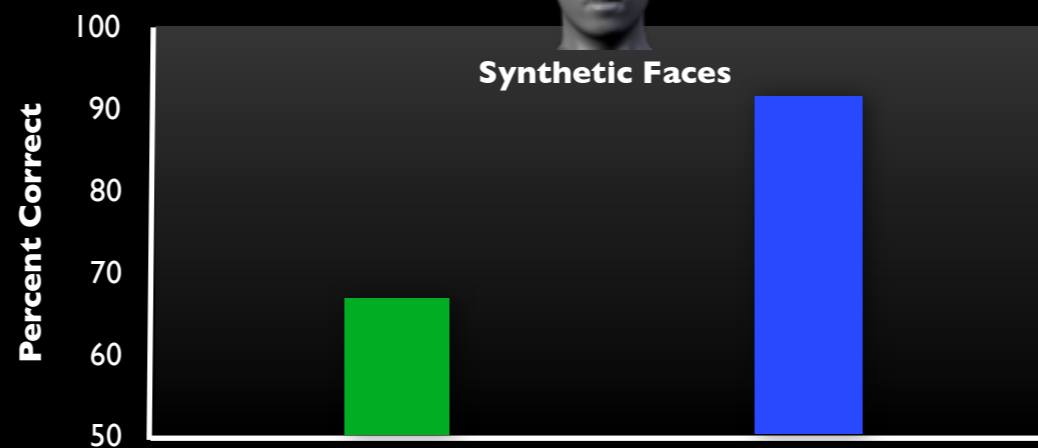
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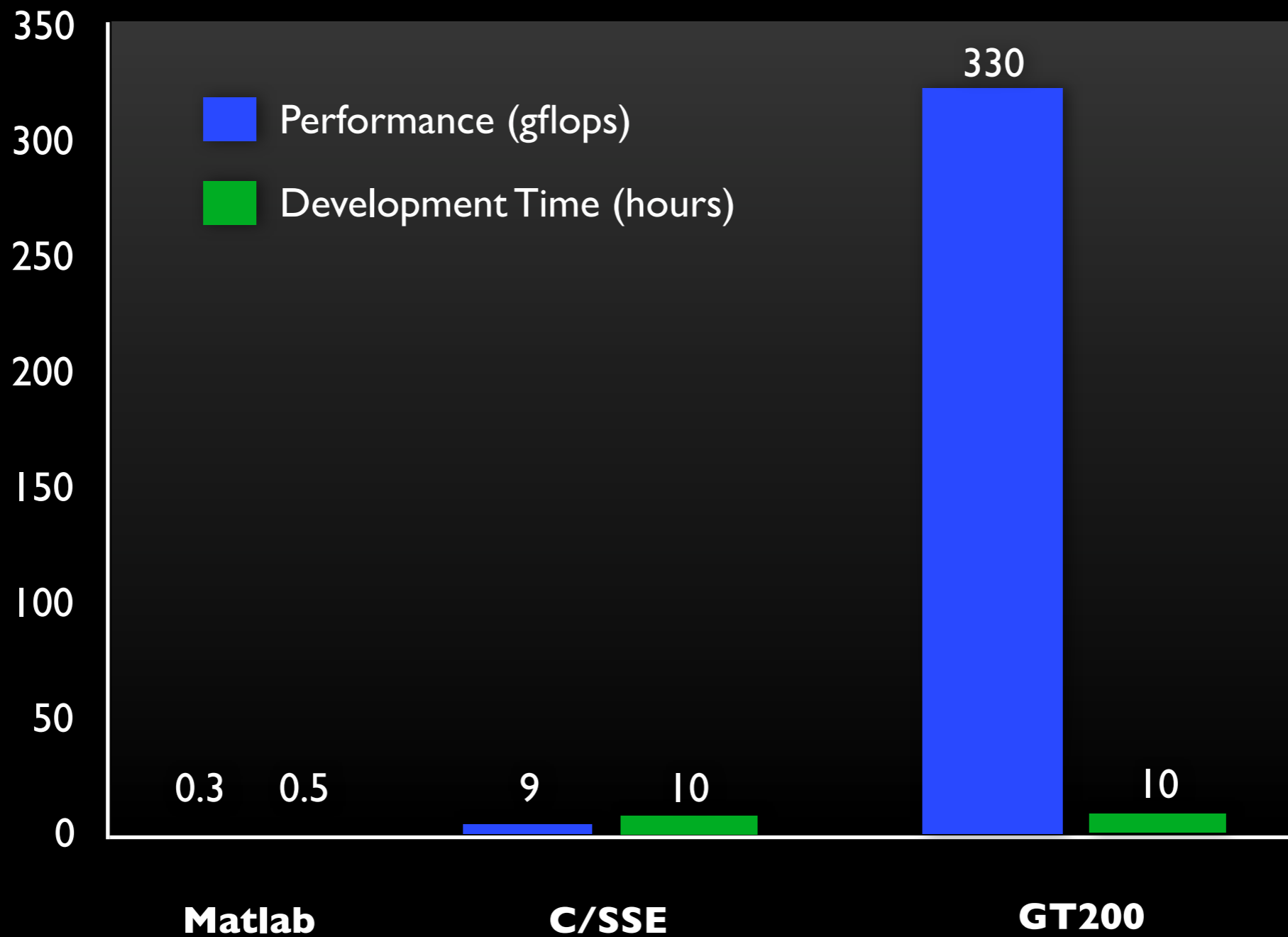


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# Results

## 3D Filterbank Convolution



# More Information

Nicolas Pinto

Unlocking Biologically-Inspired Computer

Vision: a High-Throughput Approach

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Thursday 5 pm Garden

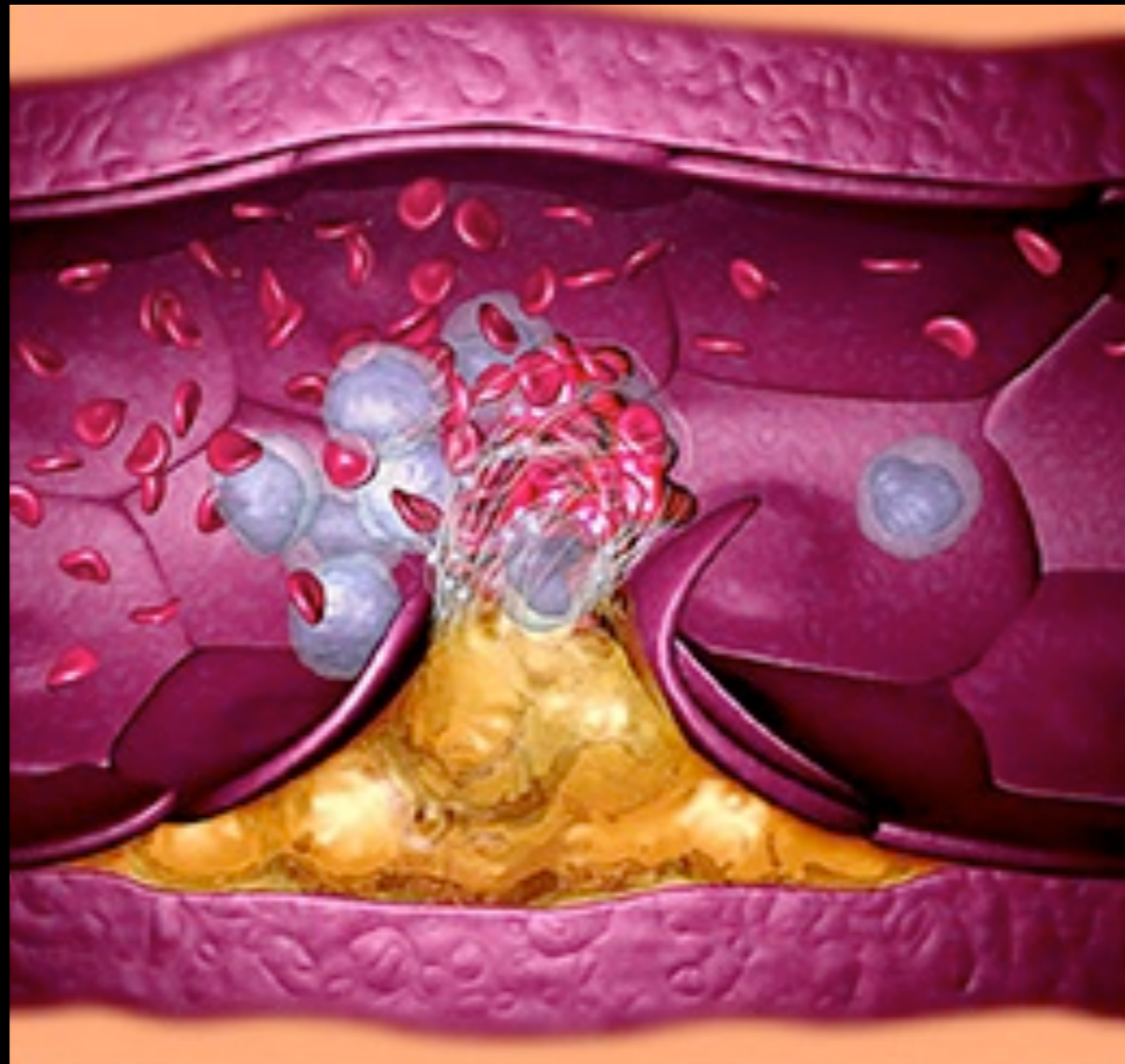
# Multiscale Hemodynamics

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# The Scientific Challenge

- Predict and prevent heart attacks



# Hemodynamics Pipeline

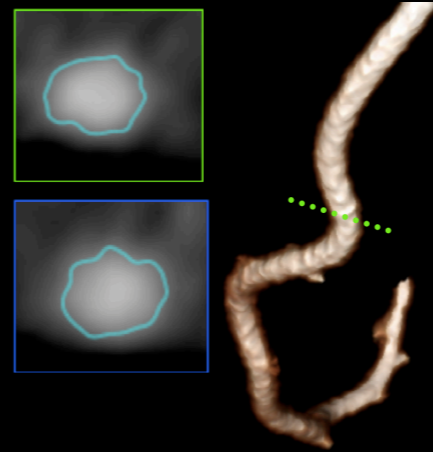


CT Patient Data

# Hemodynamics Pipeline



CT Patient Data



Reconstruction



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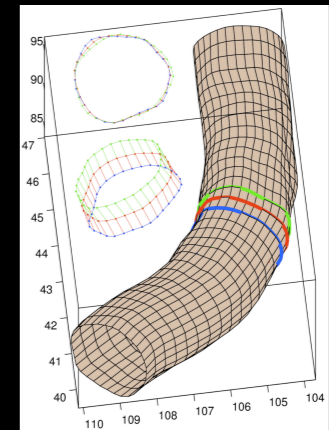
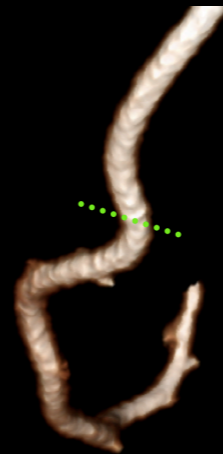
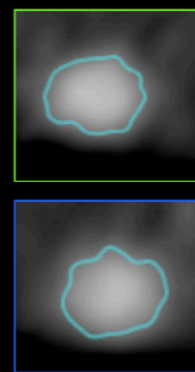
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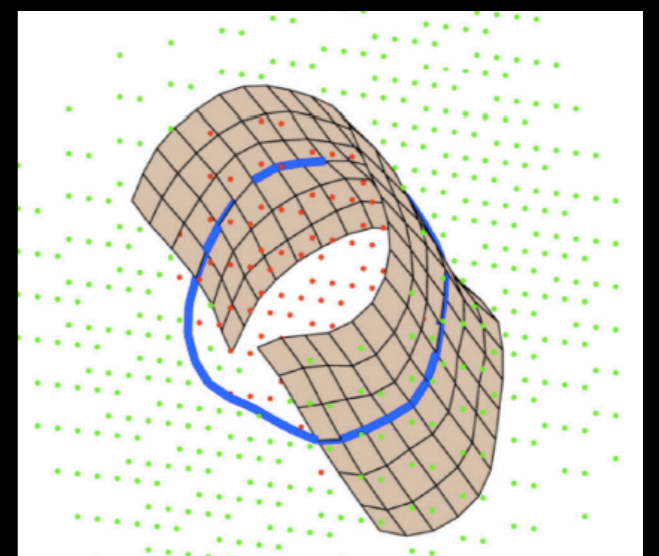
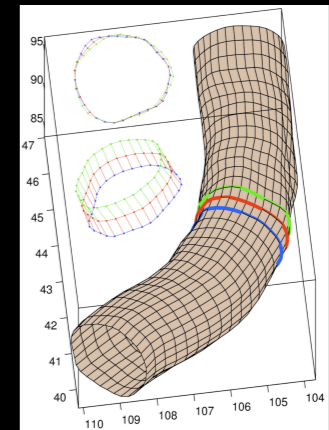
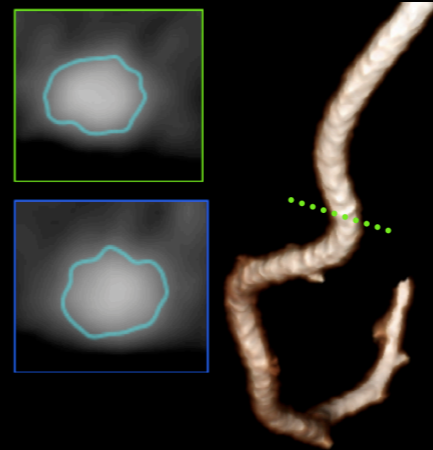
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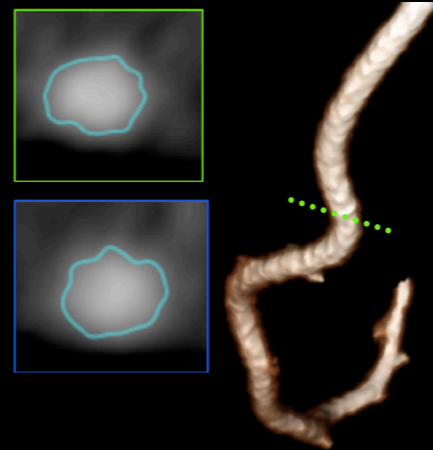
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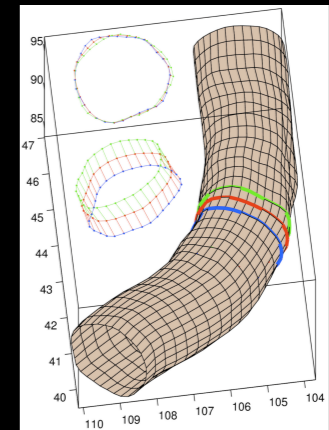
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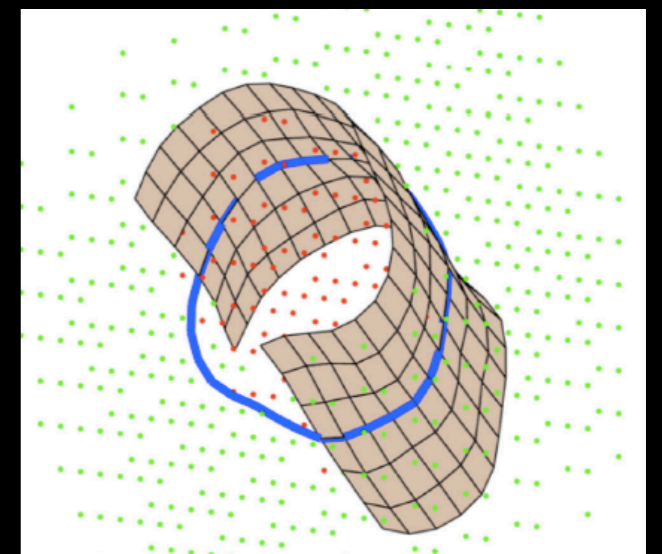
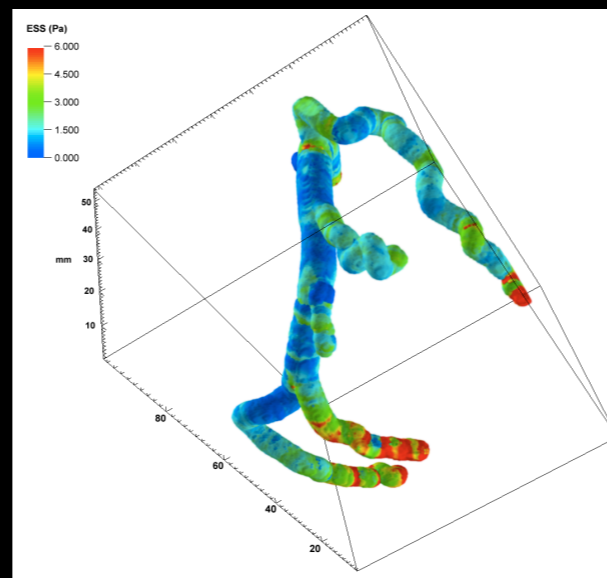
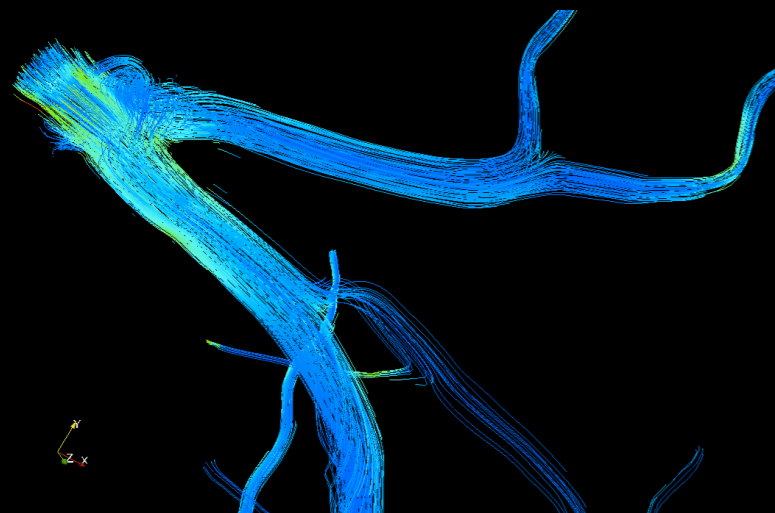
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Visualization & Analysis

Lattice Boltzman & Molecular Dynamics

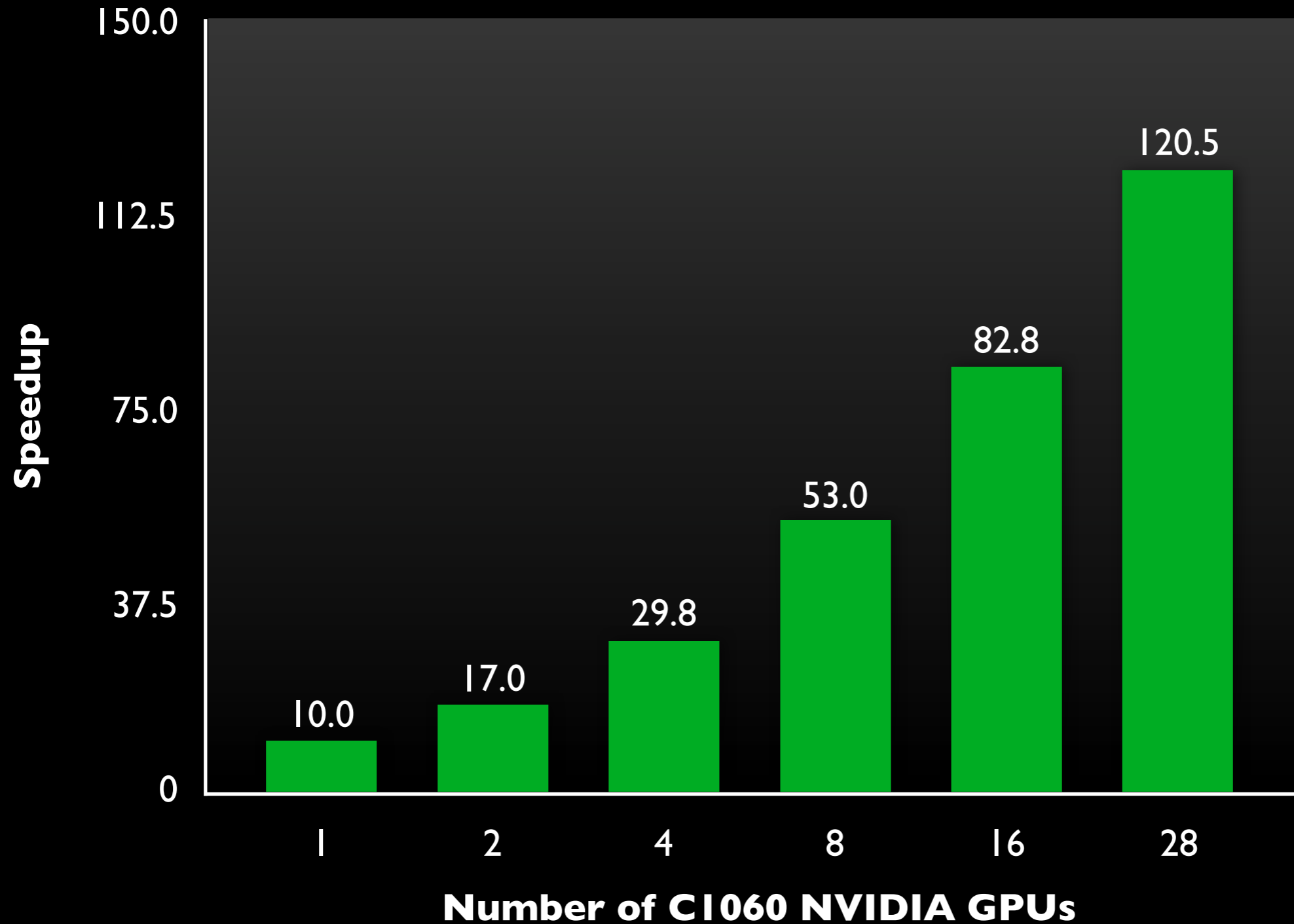


# Multiscale Hemodynamics



# Results

**2 million fluid nodes (1000 iterations)**

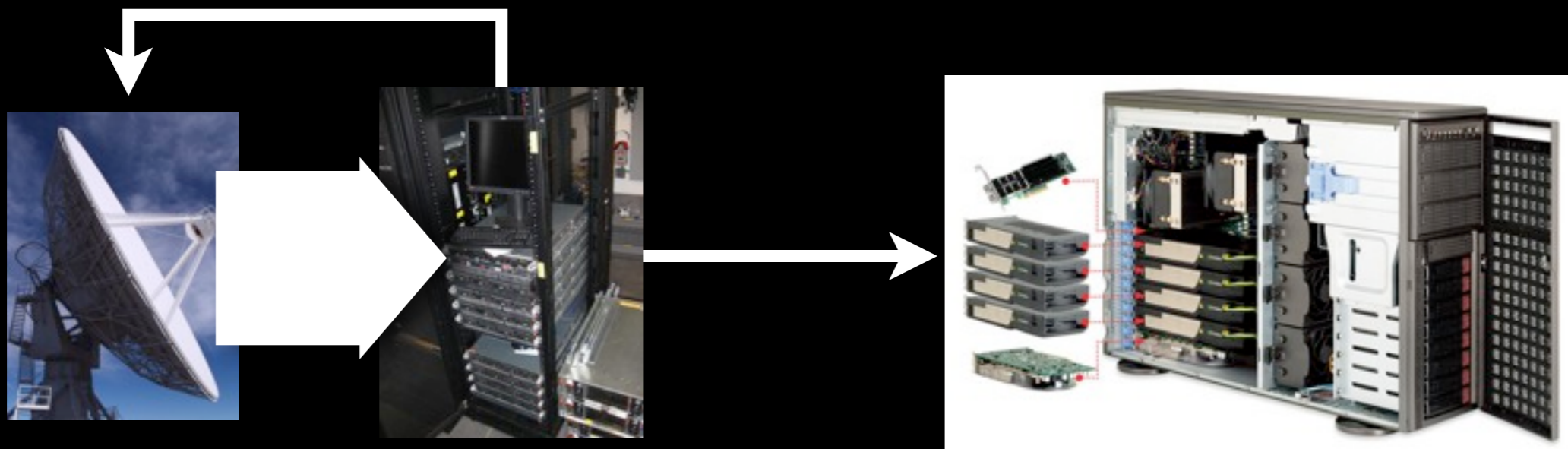


# The Future

- Minimally invasive early detection

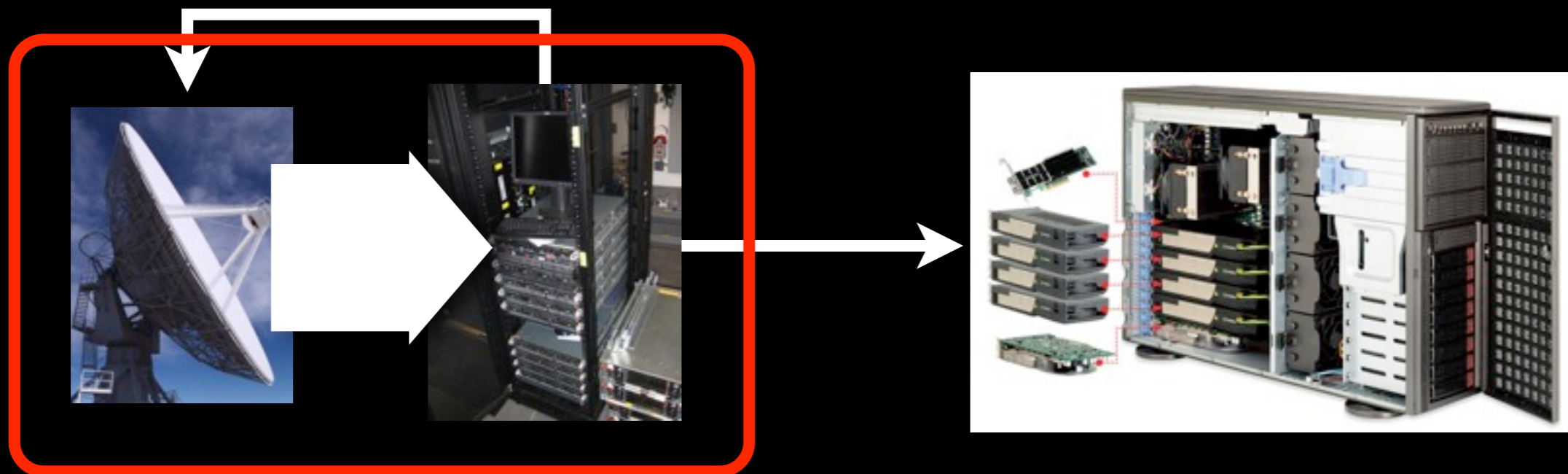


# HTC Lessons



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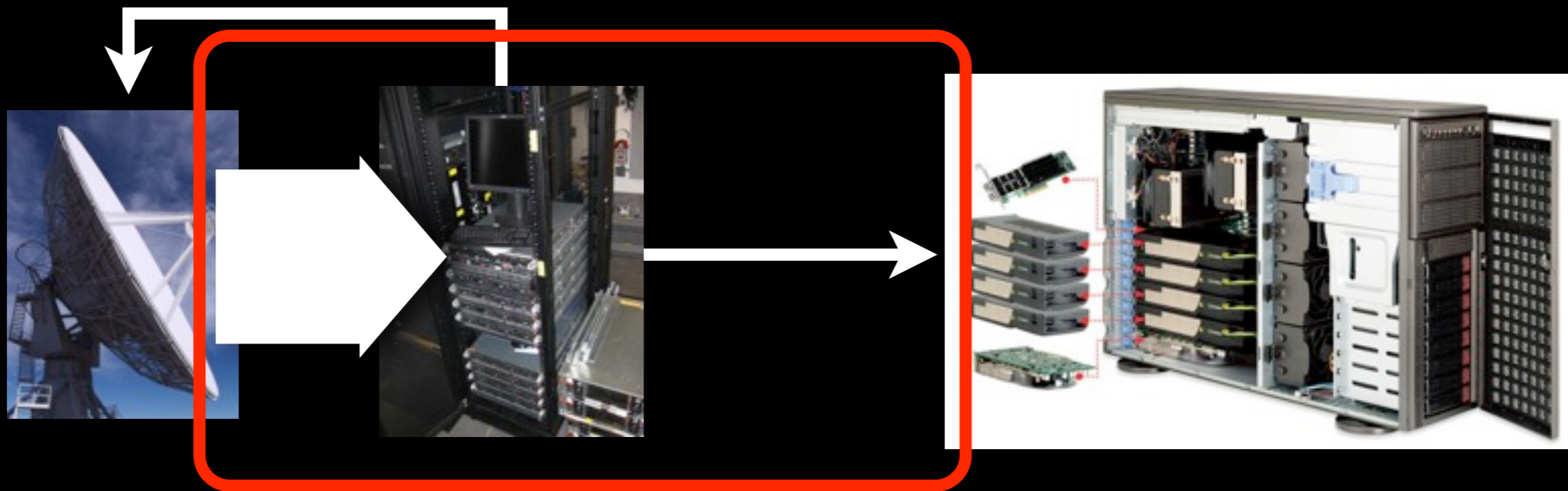
- Move the computation to the source





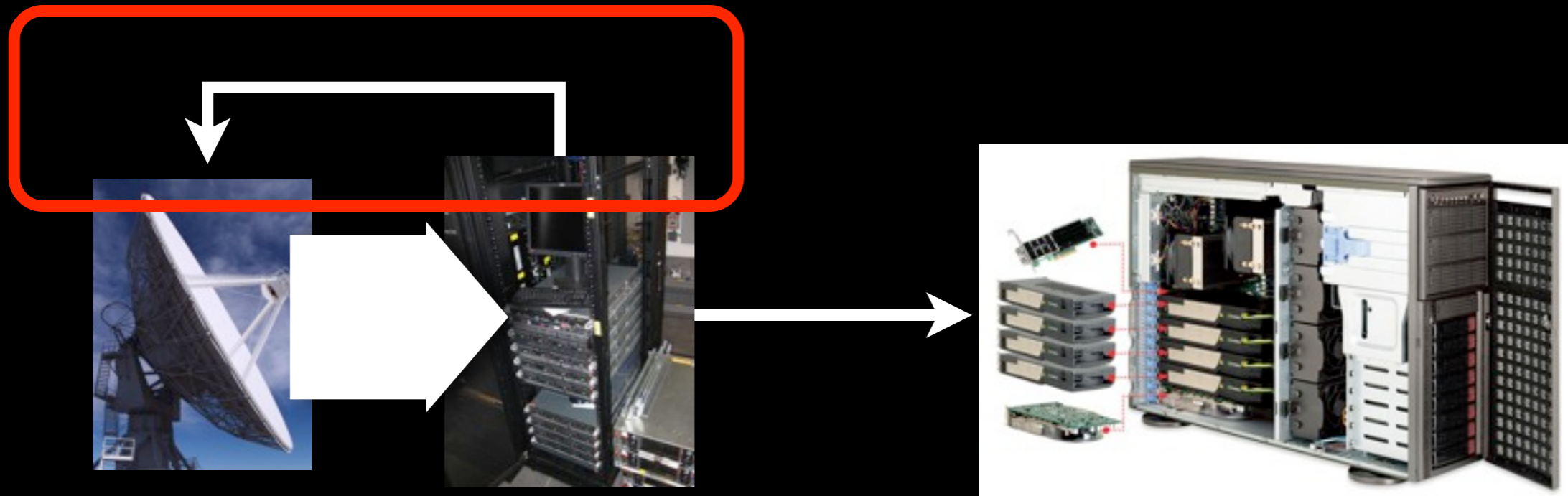
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- Quickly reduce the data to its essentials



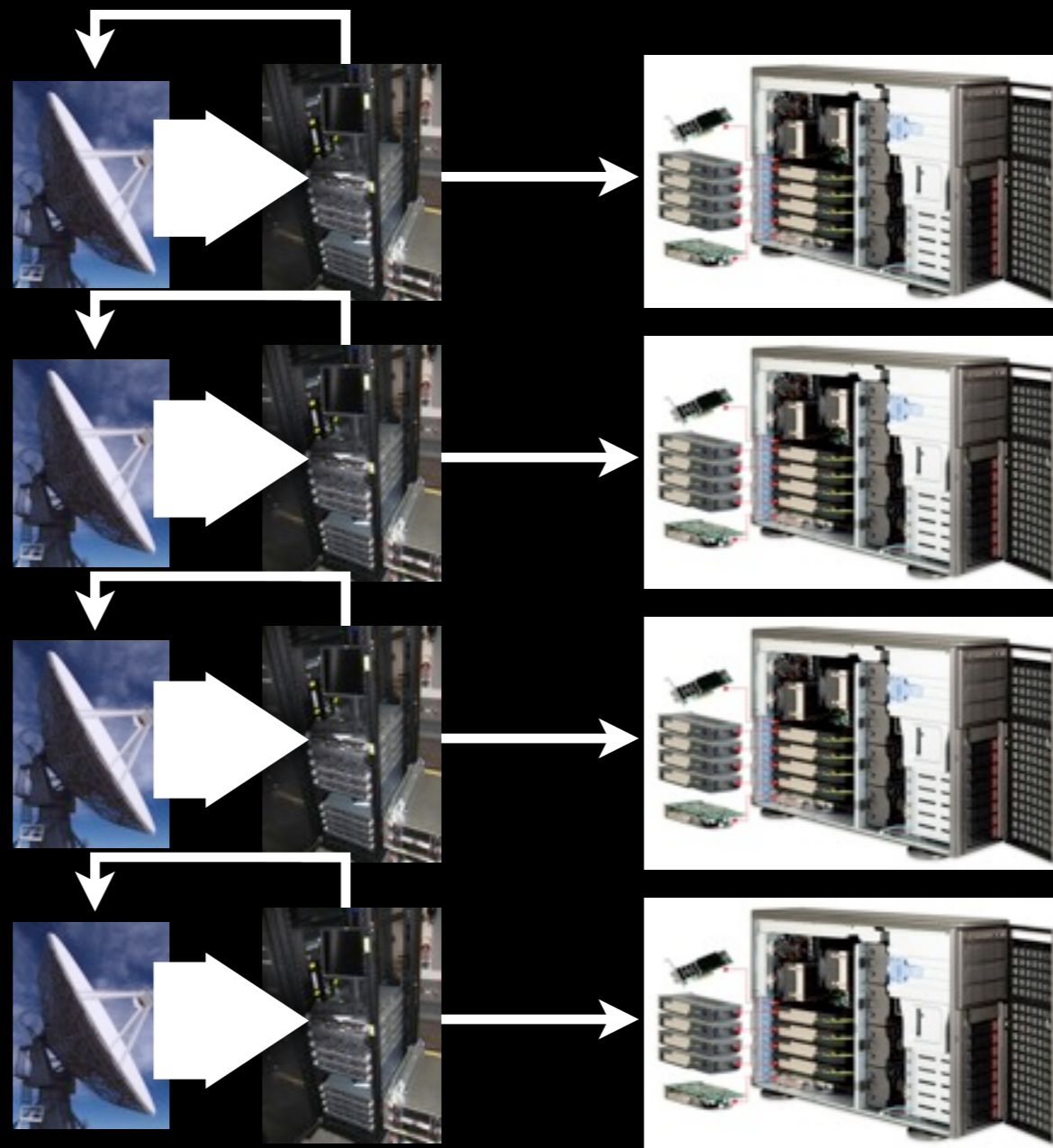
# HTC Lessons

- Use feedback to optimize the acquisition



# HTC Lessons

- Provides scalable and power efficient systems



# Higher-Level Programming Models

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- E.g., Tensor Contraction Engine (TCE)

$$T1_{bcdf} = \sum_{el} B_{befl} \times D_{cdel}$$

$$T2_{bcjk} = \sum_{df} T1_{bcdf} \times C_{dfjk}$$

$$S_{abij} = \sum_{ck} T2_{bcjk} \times A_{acik}$$

(a) Formula sequence

```
T1=0; T2=0; S=0;
for b, c, d, e, f, l
[ T1bcdf += Bbefl Dcdel
for b, c, d, f, j, k
[ T2bcjk += T1bcdf Cdfjk
for a, b, c, i, j, k
[ Sabij += T2bcjk Aacik
```

(b) Direct implementation (unfused code)

```
S = 0;
for b, c
[ T1f = 0; T2f = 0;
for d, f
[ for e, l
[ T1f += Bbefl Dcdel
for j, k
[ T2fjk += T1f Cdfjk
for a, i, j, k
[ Sabij += T2fjk Aacik
```

(c) Memory-reduced implementation (fused)

# Scalable Programming Models



# Plug & Play Parallel High-Throughput I/O



- Serial:
  - USB 3.0 (5 Gbp s<sup>-1</sup>)?
  - Intel Light Peak (100 Gbp s<sup>-1</sup>)?
- Parallel?



# HTC Appliances



# HTC Appliances

Surveillance



Cars



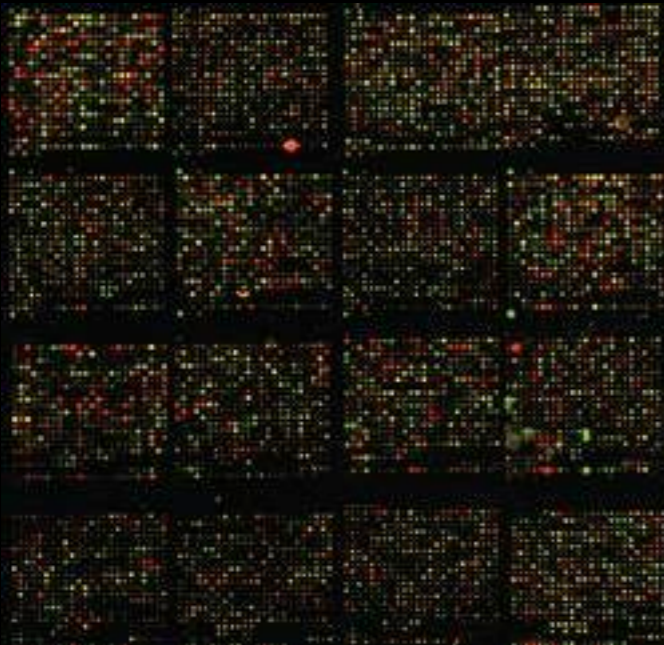
Broadcast



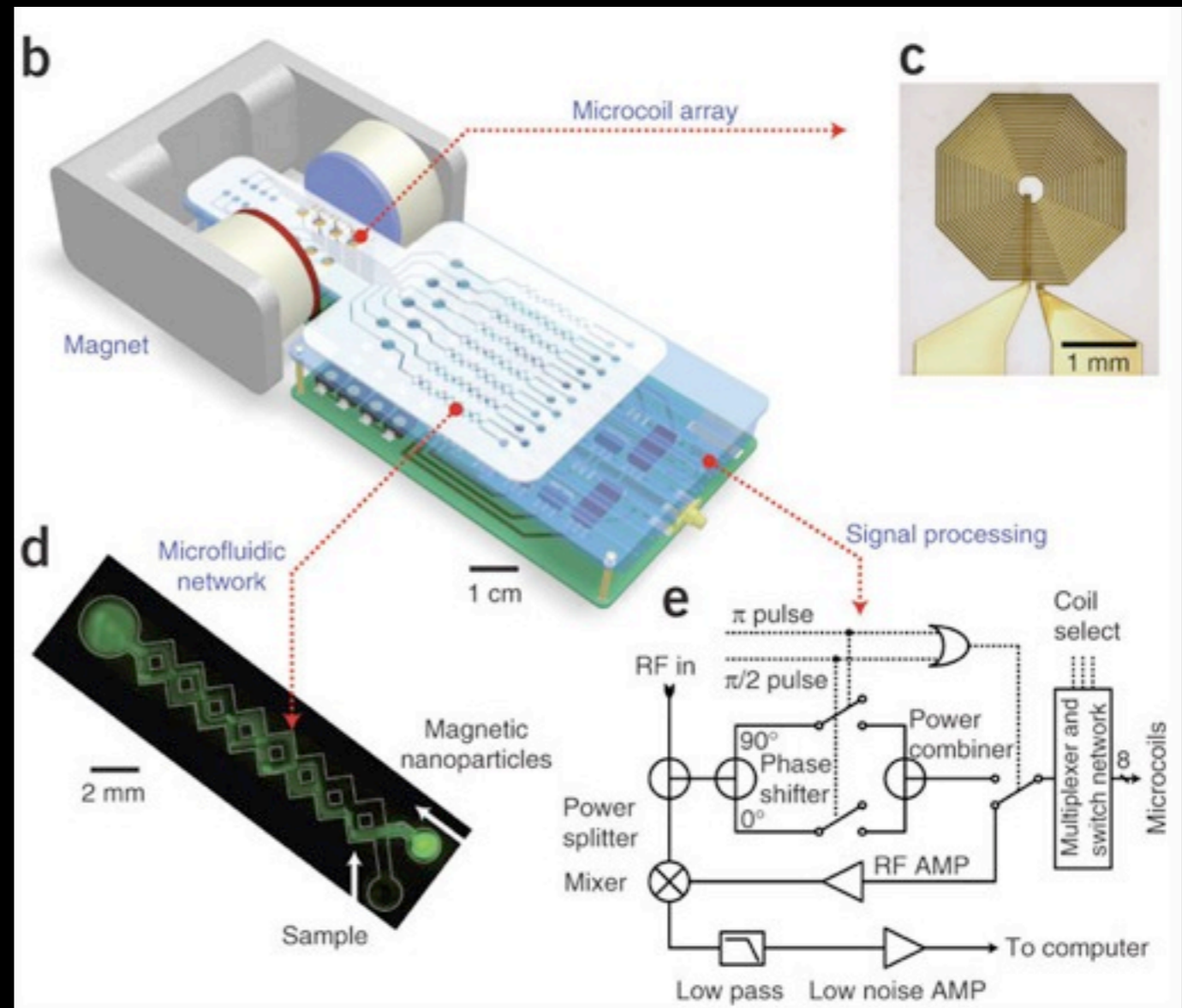
Video Conferencing

# Chip Sensors

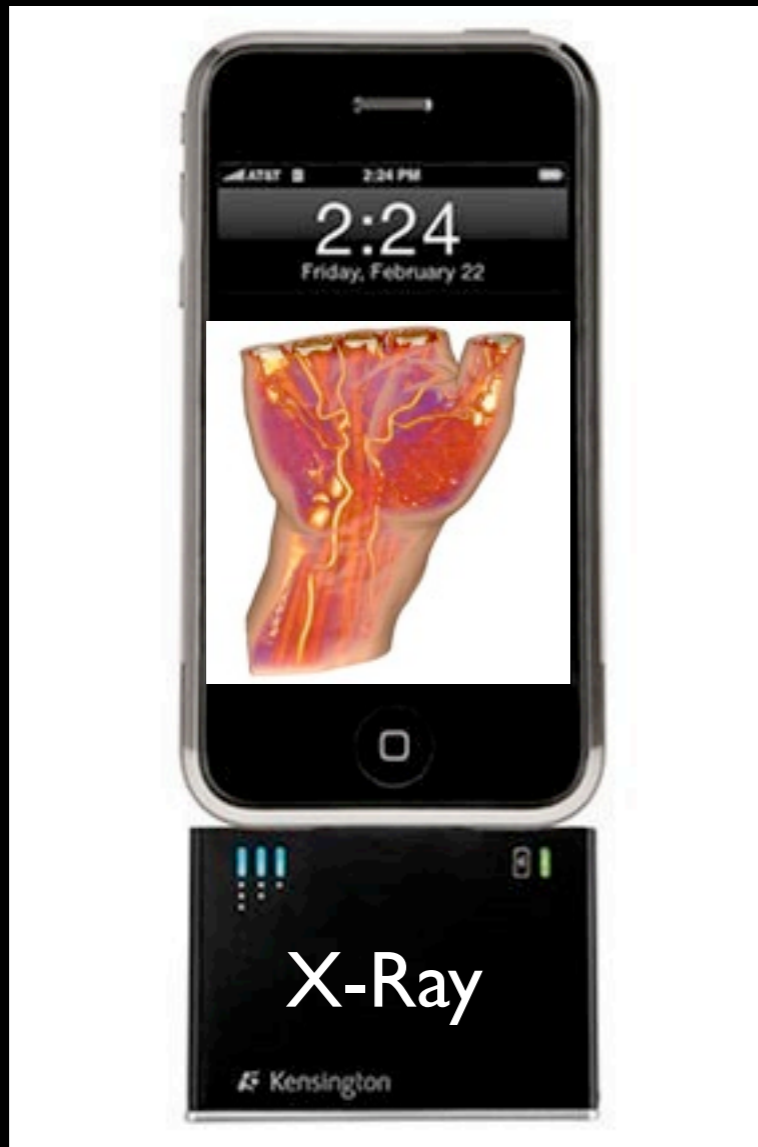
## Gene Array Chips



## Chip-NMR Biosensor



# Tricorders



21st Century



23rd Century

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